

# AUTHORS' GUIDELINES

Gomal Journal of Medical Sciences (GJMS) is published quarterly by Gomal Medical College, Dera Ismail Khan, Pakistan.

It follows the "Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals" as suggested by the "International Committee of Medical Journals Editors" (ICMJE) available at [www.icmje.org](http://www.icmje.org)

## Submission of manuscripts

Manuscripts containing original material are accepted only. Neither the article nor any part of its essential substance should be submitted for publication elsewhere before appearing in this journal.

Please submit the manuscript in MS word format through a five step submission process by creating an account or login to an existing account at <http://www.gjms.com.pk>

## Similarity Index

GJMS checks the similarity index by using TURNITIN and the reports are conveyed to the authors if high. HEC requires a similarity of less than 20% for authenticity of the work. Authors can also submit the similarity report as supplementary file if they have already checked the manuscript using the same software.

## Metadata

Please make sure to include the information regarding all authors during the submission process.

This list should identify the principal author and co-authors in order desired to appear in the print.

Contribution of each author will be required as hard copy duly signed by each author once the manuscript is accepted for publication.

## Language

GJMS is published in English. Try to follow the British english but do not hesitate to use American english where convenient.

## Abstract

It should not exceed 250 words.

In case of original research articles it should have the following sub-headings:

Background, Material & Methods, Results and Conclusion.

For case reports and review articles, it should be much brief and without sub-headings.

## Keywords

Three to ten words per manuscript should be given. These should be included in MeSh of Index Medicus available at: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/mesh/MBrowser.html>

## Main Text

The main part of the original research article should have the sub-headings: Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results, Discussion and Conclusion. The main part of review article should have the sub-headings: Introduction, Discussion and Conclusion. While for the case report: Introduction, Case presentation, Discussion and Conclusion.

## Abbreviation

Standard abbreviations should be used only. For every abbreviation the full word should be given at first with abbreviation in parenthesis.

## Tables and Illustrations

Each Table or Figure should have a number and brief title. Illustrations should be of good quality.

If a table or an illustration has been reproduced from a published work, permission from the author and publisher must be submitted.

The author must submit permission for any illustrations that identify human subjects.

## References

References should be given in digits as superscripts within the text. Vancouver style should be followed e.g.

1. Ishaq T, Khattak MI, Amin S, Haq NU. Frequency and risk factors for hepatitis C among pregnant women. *Gomal J Med Sci* 2011;9:166-9.

Journal titles should be abbreviated as in Index Medicus available at <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/archive/20130415/tsd/series/lji.html>

If not in Index Medicus then it should be abbreviated as by the Journal itself.

In case of more than six authors, et al should be added after six authors.

## Units of Measurements

The International System of Units (SI units) to be preferred where possible.

## Drug Names

Generic names of drugs are preferred. Where essential the brand names can be given in parenthesis.

## Review and Publication

Gomal Journal of Medical Sciences (GJMS) is a peer-reviewed journal. Manuscripts are initially examined by the editorial board and then sent to at least two reviewers, preferably one from in-land and another from abroad.

Comments of reviewers are conveyed to the authors if deemed necessary for corrections /revision.

---

Accepted articles are kept on waiting list for publication and the principal author is informed.

### **Copyright Notice**

The authors agree that GJMS owns the copyright of all the material submitted for publication.

GJMS has the right to reproduce, transmit, publish or distribute the contribution in the journal or otherwise.

### **Processing Charges**

Authors of original and review articles are charged as approved by the editorial board-currently PKR 2,000/- as submission charges at the time of submission and PKR 8,000/- as publication charges at the time of acceptance.

### **Hard Copies**

One free copy of GJMS is provided to the principal author. However, more copies can be ordered on payment.

### **More Information**

Please also visit the following web sites to get more information regarding publications:

World Association of Medical Editors (WAME) at <http://www.wame.org/>

International Committee of Medical Journals Editors (ICMJE) at <http://www.icmje.org/>

Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PM&DC) at <http://www.pmdc.org.pk/>

Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan at <http://www.hec.gov.pk/>

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **Delay in publishing**

It is notified that due to some unavoidable reasons, there is a delay of one year in publishing of Gomal Journal of Sciences issues; GJMS Vol 16 No. 1 January - March 2018, GJMS Vol 16 No. 2 April - June 2018, GJMS Vol 16 No. 3 July - September 2018 and GJMS Vol 16 No. 4 October - December 2018.



This is an Open Access article distributed under the terms of the Creative Commons Attribution-Non Commercial 4.0 International License, which permits unrestricted use, distribution & reproduction in any medium provided that original work is cited properly.