

Instruction to contributors

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6. Images and Pathology page should be limited to 500 words, with 150 words of abstract and 3 references.
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Article Category	Word count limit		No. of references allowed	No. of tables/ figures allowed
	Abstract	Min text*		
Original Articles	≤300	≤3000	≤40	≤5
Case Reports	≤150	≤1500	≤10	≤3
Review Articles	≤300	≤3500	≤60	≤6
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Images, Pathology Page	≤150	≤500	≤3	≤2
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2. Monographs:

Plum F, Posner JB: Diagnosis of Stupor and Coma. 3rd ed. Philadelphia: Davis, 1980:132-3.

3. Monographs with multiple authors:

Levinsky NG: Fluid and electrolytes. In: Thorn GW, Adams RD, Braunwald E, Isselbacher K, Petersdprf RG eds. Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine, 8th ed. New York: Mcgraw-Hill, 1977:364-75.

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