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Introduction

1. Journal of Medical and Dental Sciences (hereafter “the Journal”) is an electronic journal that publishes the results of research conducted at Tokyo Medical and Dental University (TMDU).
2. Contributors (in the case of joint authorship, the principal author only) must be:
 - 1) TMDU faculty members
 - 2) TMDU students recommended by the director of their section or department
 - 3) If not one of the above, the author must be recognized by the Editorial Board for the Journal (hereafter “the Board”) in one of the following ways:
 - i. Former TMDU faculty members with a recommendation from the current director of their section or department (hereafter section or department includes hospital department, center, etc.).
 - ii. Former TMDU Graduate School students or research students (Senko-sei) with a recommendation from the current director of their section or department.
 - iii. For other contributors, the Board will deliberate each case individually.
 - 4) Persons who have received a request from the Board.
3. Papers should not have been published in or submitted to other journals.
4. Papers must be in English. They should be reviewed by an English proofreading company prior to submission. The cost of the English proofreading must be borne by the contributor or the contributor’s section or department. Alternatively, papers may be reviewed by a native English speaker or a researcher with sufficient experience in submitting English papers.
5. If statistical analysis has been conducted, sufficient descriptions should be included to allow referees to verify validity. In cases of papers for degrees, the names of specialists in statistical analysis (faculty members of the Division of Biostatistics and Data Science, Clinical Research Center, Medical Hospital or persons possessing knowledge and experience in statistical analysis corresponding to that of such faculty members) should be included in the checklist after their qualifications are verified.

Clinical Research Center, Medical Hospital website:
<http://tmdu-biostat-datascience.com/>

6. Since peer reviews are conducted on a double blind basis, any information that identifies the author(s) (including co-authors) and their affiliations found within the body text, figures and tables in the manuscript should be replaced with “XXXXXX” or otherwise obscured before submission. If the manuscript is selected for publication, however, the aforementioned information should be revealed/reinserted (see the “Revisions” section).

Screening

1. After papers submitted for peer review are evaluated, those that are found to offer sufficient academic content will be nominated as candidates for publication. The Board will render its decision on whether to publish a paper nominated as a candidate for publication within one month. Papers determined suitable for publication will be promptly posted online following revisions (as detailed below).
2. Peer review is conducted by members of the Board and three specialists commissioned by the Board from within and outside the University.
3. Contributors may nominate up to two reviewers. However, nominated reviewers must be TMDU faculty members, must not be involved with the manuscript, and must not be affiliated with the same department as the first author or co-authors. Note that such nominations are intended for the reference of the Board when considering candidates for peer review, and that the nomination of reviewers does not necessarily imply that these will be adopted.
4. When the peer review results indicate revisions that need to be made to the manuscript, responses to the suggested revisions and the revised manuscript should be submitted as a digital file within the indicated time period (generally two weeks). Manuscript revisions not submitted within approximately two months after the deadline without an appropriate reason will be rejected as candidates.
5. Review will be conducted up to three times, and manuscripts judged insufficient for publication following a third review will be deemed inappropriate for publication. However, this restriction shall not apply where allowed by the member of the Board in charge of the review.

6. When resubmitting manuscripts previously deemed inappropriate for publication, contributors should prepare a new set of the documents required for submitting an application and submit these together with the responses to the suggested revisions and the revised manuscript. The original reference number of the manuscript should be entered in the remarks column.
7. When English proofreading is suggested by the Board, documentation indicating completion of new proofreading (*) should be submitted with the revised manuscript.

(*) The documents should be the most recent ones that have not yet been submitted (No similar documents already submitted from the first time of application or once previously for revisions can be accepted). Dates must be shown.

See **Submission 1 (**)** for an example of such documentation.
8. When a reference is involved [**Introduction 2.2 or 2.3 (i) and (ii)**], peer review results and the decision regarding acceptance or rejection will be communicated to the reference.
9. If the submission is withdrawn, the office in charge should be notified and the appropriate documents be submitted.
10. Movies will be treated as supplementary material outside the scope of review.

Approval of Related Committees

1. In the case of studies involving human subjects that require approval by the ethics review board of the hosting institution or the acquisition of informed consent, the acquisition of these should be clearly stated at the beginning of the “Materials and Methods” section (see below). In the case of approval by an ethics review board, the reference number should also be listed in the manuscript.
2. Experiments involving animals should clearly state at the beginning of the “Materials and Methods” section (see below) that “approval of the research institute’s animal experiments committee” has been obtained. Cases requiring descriptions as stated in Paragraph 1 above, however, should include such mentions thereafter.

Submission

1. Contributors should fill out the necessary items on the checklist, CV, and

submission application forms on the Manuscript Submission and Review System website (<https://www.i-product.biz/tmd-jmnds/author/>), and upload the manuscript and English proofreading certificate.

(**) Examples of English proofreading certificate:

- i. A copy of an official receipt from an English proofreading company and/or e-mail correspondence showing completion of proofreading.
- ii. If a native speaker of English or a researcher with creditable experience in writing English papers has proofread the manuscript, attach a separate Certificate of Proofreading.

2. Please enter the following information on the system

1) Name of the Authors

The full name of each author. Do not include M.D., Ph.D. or other titles. When the affiliations of individual co-authors differ, please attach numbers indicating each affiliation after the specific author's name in the “()” format.

Example: Taro Yushima (1), Hanako Kounodai (2)

2) Affiliations

The names of the authors' fields (clinical departments), departments (graduate schools, affiliated hospitals, etc.) and universities (affiliated institutions). Do not include their physical or e-mail addresses. Please enter the names of the authors in the order of the numbers listed.

Example: Department of XXXX, Graduate School of XXXX, Tokyo Medical and Dental University

Center for XX, Tokyo Medical and Dental University

3. The Japanese translation of the abstract on the system.

Manuscript

(Format)

1. Manuscripts should be no more than 10 printed pages, including figures and tables (aim for approximately 25 pages at the manuscript stage, including figures and tables).
2. The text body, figures, tables, and photos should all be submitted as digital files.
3. Text should be written in Microsoft Word. Figures should be created using Microsoft PowerPoint or submitted in JPEG, GIF, TIFF, or PNG format.

Tables should be created using Microsoft Excel, Word, or PowerPoint. Photos should be submitted in JPEG or TIFF format.

4. There should be 20 lines of text per page in 12-point Times New Roman font with standard character spacing. There should be adequate margins and space between lines on both sides of the page. Page numbers should be located at the bottom of each page.
5. Manuscripts should be incorporated into a single Word file and arranged in the following order: Title Page, Abstract, Key Words, Main Text, References, and Legends. Figures, tables, photos, and the Japanese translation of the abstract should not be embedded, but submitted as separate files.

(Title Page)

6. Title of the Paper
7. Manuscript Category
Indicate “Original Article,” “Review,” “Case Report” or “Other.”
8. Name of the Authors
Note: Avoid any mention of actual names (XXXXXX) in the entries.
9. Affiliations
Note: Avoid any mention of actual affiliations (XXXXXX) in the entries.
10. Running head
Headings should appear at the top of all odd-numbered pages. Limited to fifty characters or less.
11. Corresponding Author
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(Abstract, Key Words)

12. Abstract: Should be 200 words or less. A Japanese translation should also be created in a separate file.
13. Key words: Five or fewer, and preferably use MeSH Terms (***)
(***) MeSH (Medical Subject Headings) Database
National Library of Medicine (NLM) Life Science Glossary
<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/mesh>

(Main Text)

14. The main body of text should begin on the page following the abstract and key words. Original papers should contain the sections listed below in the following order:
 - 1) Introduction

2) Materials and Methods

Note: Refer to “Approval of Related Committees” section

3) Results

4) Discussion

15. References to literature should be given in citation numbers ^{1), 2)} ... by order of appearance in the text.

16. Indicate places where figures and tables are to be inserted with a blank space.

17. Scientific names of bacteria, plants, and animals should be written in italics with the first letter capitalized.

e.g., *Bacillus enteritidis*, *Trombicula pallida*

18. The first letter of pharmaceutical brand names should be capitalized. Chemical names and generic names should be written in lower case.

e.g., Endoxan, cyclophosphamide

19. Units of weights and measures should be written according to the International System of Units (SI).

e.g., Length: nm, μm, mm, m, km, etc.

Mass: pg, ng, μg, mg, g, kg, etc.

Amount of Substance mol, etc.

Volume: mm³, m³, μl or μL, ml or mL, l or L etc.

Concentration: mg/l or mg/L, g/l or g/L, etc.

Temperature: °C, K, etc.

Time: s, min, h, etc.

(Conflicts of Interest)

20. After the text, create a “Conflicts of Interest” section and specify any corresponding information. In keeping with the National University Corporation Tokyo Medical and Dental University’s policy for managing conflicts of interest, please enter the details of any conflicts of interest in the paper in question for all authors—including co-authors—as well as an acknowledge of such content by conflict of interest management committees and other relevant bodies. In addition, mention any cases in which co-authors are included among the members of any editorial committees. In the absence of any conflicts of interest demanding disclosure, mention that fact.

(Acknowledgments)

21. Included optionally after the text.

(References)

22. References should be written in Vancouver style on the page following the text in accordance with the Reference List Examples in these guidelines.
23. No web pages should be included because content may get updated. If used as a reference, the URL and date of access should be included as a footnote or within the text.
 - 5) If included in the text, the information should be enclosed in brackets.
 - 6) When footnotes are used, *, **, *** ... should be included sequentially with the relevant section of the text and a border inserted at the bottom of the page.

(Figures and Tables)

24. Legends (explanatory notes written under figures and tables) should be included on the page following the references page. The desired width of the figure or table should be indicated at the end of each legend as “Single column” (width: 1-column formatted text) or “Double column” (width: 2-column formatted text).
25. Tables should be numbered consecutively: Table 1, Table 2 ...
26. Figures should be numbered consecutively: Figure 1, Figure 2 ...
27. Scale bars should be included in photomicrographs as a general rule.

(Movies)

28. Contributors wishing to post movies should submit electronic files (as a rule no more than 5 files in MP4 format with a combined total size of 20 MB or less) as supplementary materials outside the scope of review.

Revisions

1. After being notified of the publication decision, promptly submit the successfully screened manuscript in digital form. Upon submission, the following information should also be included:

[Title Page]

Name of the Authors

Please enter the full name of each author. Do not include M.D., Ph.D. or other titles. When the affiliations of individual co-authors differ, attach citation numbers ^{(1, 2)...} indicating the specific affiliations for all authors.

Affiliations

Please enter the names of the authors' fields (clinical departments), departments (graduate schools, affiliated hospitals, etc.) and universities (affiliated institutions). Do not include their physical or e-mail addresses. Please list the names of the authors in the order of the citation numbers.

Corresponding Author

Please enter the author's full name (M.D., Ph.D. and other titles may also be included), name of field, name of graduate school, name of university (institution name), university or institution's address, e-mail address, phone number (optional) and fax number (optional).

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In such cases, please enter "These authors contributed equally to this work," followed by the names of the co-authors.

2. In general, author revision is conducted only once.

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Reference List Examples

1. Vancouver style should be followed.
(Note) Vancouver style: Refer to Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals. Use the following as a reference: http://www.icmje.org/urm_full.pdf
2. Referenced literature should be numbered consecutively according to the order in which they are cited in the text.
3. The names of up to three authors can be included and the rest should be abbreviated as “et al.”
4. Abbreviated journal names should be used with reference to the NLM Catalog (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nlmcatalog>).
5. Japanese references should include the phrase “(in Japanese)”.
6. For examples other than those listed below, please refer to Citing Medicine on NLM (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7256/>).

Journal Articles

Basic Format

Author name (surname, capitalized initial of the first name]. Title of article. Abbreviated name of journal. Issue year; Volume (Issue Number): Starting page–ending page.

(Basic Example)

Rose ME, Huerbin MB, Melick J, et al. Regulation of interstitial excitatory amino acid concentrations after cortical contusion injury. *Brain Res.* 2002; 935(1-2):40-6.

[Supplement (Special Issue)]

Geraud G, Spierings EL, Keywood C. Tolerability and safety of frovatriptan with short- and long-term use for treatment of migraine and in comparison with sumatriptan. *Headache.* 2002; 42 Suppl 2:S93-9.

Reference List Examples

Books or other Periodicals

Basic Format

Author. Book title. Edition. Place of publication: Publishing company; Year of publication.

(Basic Example)

Murray PR, Rosenthal KS, Kobayashi GS, et al. Medical microbiology. 4th ed. St. Louis: Mosby; 2002.

(Edited or Compiled Books)

Gilstrap LC 3rd, Cunningham FG, VanDorsten JP, editors. Operative obstetrics. 2nd ed. New York: McGraw-Hill; 2002.

(Text from an Independent Book)

Meltzer PS, Kallioniemi A, Trent JM. Chromosome alterations in human solid tumors. In: Vogelstein B, Kinzler KW, editors. The genetic basis of human cancer. New York: McGraw-Hill; 2002:93-113.

Electronic Journals

Basic format

Author. Article title. Abbreviated name of journal [type of medium]. Year of publication; Volume (number): Starting page–ending page Available from: URL.

(Basic Example)

Kaul S, Diamond GA. Good enough: A Primer on the analysis and interpretation of noninferiority trials. *Ann Intern Med* [Internet]. 2006; 145(1):62-9 Available from: <http://www.annals.org/content/145/1/62.full.pdf>