

Instruction for Authors

Article types

International Journal of Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Science (IJASHSS) publish papers under the following subject categories:

- Research Articles
- Review Articles
- Short Reports

Research Articles

Research Articles should be fully documented reports of original research and always peer reviewed. Research Articles are preferably limited to below 5000 words (excluding abstract and references). Abstract should not exceed 250 words; make sure that Tables and Figures should not be repeated. Research Articles divided into the following sections: Title, Abstract, Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results and Discussion, Conclusion, Acknowledgements, References, Figure legends and Tables.

Review Articles

Reviews should be brief summaries (limit of 3000 words excluding abstract and references) of developments in fast-moving areas of medicine and biology. The abstract must be less than 200 words. Reviews will be subjected to peer review to determine whether the topic is of interest to the readers of bio-medical sciences, the authors should provide a balanced viewpoint and the article is clearly presented and timely.

Short Reports

Short reports are brief technical notes and preliminary communications. Short reports should be up to 1500 words (excluding Abstract and references) and have only one figure or table. The abstract should be up to 100 words. Structured headings, including a conclusion, are enviable.

Preparation of Manuscripts

Manuscripts should be prepared in accordance with Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Humanities and Social Science Journals.

Language

Please write your manuscript text in good English (British or American usage is accepted).

Manuscript format

Manuscripts must be completely typed, using Times New Roman with 12 size font. All rows must be Single spaced and margins should be at least 30 mm. All headings must be bold and sub-heading should be in italics without bold. The organisms (Animals, Plants and Microbes) name should be in Italics. All pages should be numbered consecutively in the bottom right-hand corner, beginning with the title page. The complete Manuscript should be submitted in Microsoft Word 2007 or 2003 file format.

Title page

Title must be specific, concise and informative. It should be comprehensible to readers outside your field. Do not use abbreviations in the title. A short running title (less than 40 characters) should also be provided. Provide all Author's first names or initials, middle names or initials, surnames, and affiliations- department, university or college or organization, city, state/province and country. The author for correspondence email address, telephone or fax numbers must be clearly mentioned.

Abstract

Abstract should start on a new page after the title page. A well-written abstract is critical for highlighting the salient points of the study. The Abstract should be comprehensible to readers before they have read the paper and should not contain reference citations. The structure of Abstracts follows; for Research Articles (less than 250 words), for Review Articles (less than 200 words), for Case Report (up to 150 words) and for Short reports (up to 100 words).

Key words

Three to five key words should be given for indexing purposes and to be shown below the Abstract section.

Introduction

The introduction should put the focus of the manuscript into a broader context, but should not contain a detailed summary of the results. The introduction should conclude with a brief statement of the overall aim of the experiments and a comment about whether that aim was achieved.

Materials and Methods

Describe clearly the selection of the observational or experimental participants such as patients or laboratory animals. All research involving human and animal subjects must have been approved by Ethical committee and, or should be obtained duly signed patient informed consent form prior to conduct the study. Inclusion and exclusion criteria must be mentioned for human studies. Authors should clearly state the location where the study has been conducted. Give references to established methods, including statistical methods; provide references and brief descriptions for methods that have been published but are not well-known; describe new or substantially modified methods, give the reasons for using them, and evaluate their limitations. Identify precisely all drugs and chemicals used, including generic name(s), dose(s), and route(s) of administration. The statistical methods and the level of significance chosen shall be clearly stated.

Results and Discussion

Results must be presented in text, tables, and illustrations, giving the main or most important findings first. There should be sufficient subheadings to make clear how the work was organized, what the key questions being addressed were, how one experiment led to another, and perhaps what conclusions were reached. A reader should gain a clear picture of the work from the subheadings. Repetition of data in the tables or illustrations in the text; should be avoided. The statistical treatment of data and significance level of the factors should be stated wherever necessary. The discussion section should be as concise as possible and should include a brief statement of the principal findings, a discussion of the validity of the observations, a discussion of the findings in light of other published work dealing with the same or closely related subjects, and a statement of the possible significance of the work. Extensive discussion of the literature is discouraged.

Conclusion

Conclusion should highlight the main points observed from the study in a short paragraph. This section should not merely duplicate the abstract.

Acknowledgements

Acknowledgments section should appear at the end of the article prior to the References. In this section acknowledge anyone who contributed towards the study by making contributions like arranging for funds, general supervision, and contribution of materials essential for the study or technical assistance.

References

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Yeldandi, A.V., Wang, X., Alvares, K., Kumar, S., Rao, M.S and Reddy, J.K. (1990). Human urate oxidase gene: cloning and partial sequence analysis reveal a stop codon within the fifth exon. *Bioch Biophys Res Comm*, 171: 641- 645.

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Electronic material

World Health Organization. 10 facts on HIV/AIDS. December (2011). Available from: <http://www.who.int/features/factfiles/hiv/en/index.html>

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