

## INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS

### 1. GENERAL RULES

The Algerian Journal of Health Sciences (AJHS) is the official publishing and information body of the Thematic Agency for Research in Health Sciences (ATRSS). It is a **biannual free online journal with a national and international reading committee, with no submission or publication costs**. The journal publishes innovative articles, offering a better understanding of the progress made in **all fields of Health Sciences**.

Submitted research works must comply with the instructions below, which are in line with the manuscript presentation standards proposed by the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors, also known as the **Vancouver Group** (International Committee of Medical Journal Editors Uniform requirements for manuscripts submitted to biomedical journals. *N Engl J Med* 1997; 336: 310–315).

All manuscripts submitted to AJHS must be **original**: they must not have been published prior to or simultaneously with publication in the journal.

If extracts from other copyrighted works or documents are included in the article, authors must **provide written permission from copyright holders and cite the sources for the original publication in the article**. These steps must be taken to avoid plagiarism.

**A check by anti-plagiarism software** is systematically carried out for any submission. Any plagiarism results in the rejection of the article and the non-consideration of any subsequent submission from the author.

The work submitted to AJHS must comply with **the ethical recommendations of the Helsinki Declaration** ("WMA Declaration of Helsinki - Ethical Principles for Medical Research Involving Human Subjects").

Any partial or total reproduction of the results must respect the provisions of the **Creative Commons convention** <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/deed.fr>

Articles are submitted in French, English or Arabic in Word ".doc or .docx" and PDF formats; model files (**Templates**) are published on the Journal website.

The submission is done exclusively on the **Algerian Scientific Journal Platform ASJP** by clicking on the link: <https://www.asjp.cerist.dz/en/PresentationRevue/689>

After checking for plagiarism, all submitted articles are evaluated anonymously by **at least two reviewers**.

## **2. TYPES OF MANUSCRIPTS**

### **2.1. LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

A letter to the editor allows either to give an opinion on a previously published article either to open a debate or to deliver a personal experience. Its publication, after agreement of the editorial board, is done as soon as possible. The text does not exceed 1500 words, one table and / or one figure and 05 references. It is signed by up to three authors and includes only one address for correspondence.

### **2.2. ORIGINAL ARTICLES**

Any article presenting original results of randomized controlled trials, intervention studies, screening and diagnostic studies, descriptive studies, cost-effectiveness analyzes, case-control studies or even epidemiological surveys. The body of the article includes an introduction that sets out the problem and the objectives, Materials and methods, Results, Discussion, and Conclusion. The text must not exceed 4500 words and contain a maximum of 04 tables, 04 figures/Pictures and 45 references.

### **2.3. REVIEW**

A review is a critical synthesis of the work published on a given theme and leading to useful and constructive proposals. It is not a simple list of works published in the literature. It must be written without bias and is not used to demonstrate a hypothesis.

The writing of a general review is either requested by the editor-in-chief or proposed by the latter. In this event, the author should contact the editor before starting writing to make sure that the subject is of interest to the editorial board and that no similar work is being published. A general review does not exceed 5000 words and can go up to 120 references.

### **2.4. UPDATES**

An update deals with recent developments on a topical subject. It obeys the same instructions as those of the REVIEW, from which it differs in its less exhaustive character. The text should not exceed 3000 words and 50 references.

### **2.5. CLINICAL CASES**

It allows one or more original and well-documented observations to be published, for educational and scientific purposes. It includes a short introduction, observation reduced to material facts, a discussion and a conclusion. The text does not exceed 2500 words, one table and / or one figure and a maximum of 15 references.

### 3. PRESENTATION OF THE MANUSCRIPT

#### 3.1. TITLE, AUTHORS AND AFFILIATIONS

- Title should be explicit enough, particularly reflecting the objectives of the study, the study population and location. **It is written in French and English.**
- For articles submitted in Arabic, the title should be written in Arabic, French and English.
- A **short title** should be provided by the author for the article header.
- The **full names of the authors, e-mail addresses and affiliations of each author must be mentioned.**
- Specify the **name and phone number, fax number and e-mail address of the corresponding author** to whom the comments of the reviewers and reprints will be sent.
- If there are two main authors, the authors are required to mention this.

#### 3.2. SUMMARIES AND KEYWORDS

Except for the letter to the editor, each article must include a **summary and keywords in French and English.** For articles submitted in Arabic, an abstract and keywords in English are required. The abstract should not contain any undefined abbreviations or references.

- For original articles, the abstract does not exceed 300 words; it must be structured: Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results, and Conclusions. 05 keywords are required.
- For reviews and updates, an unstructured summary not exceeding 300 words and 05 keywords are required.
- For clinical cases, a structured summary: Introduction and observation not exceeding 200 words and 05 keywords are required.

#### 3.3. TABLES

Tables should be numbered in Arabic numerals and indexed in the text in order of appearance in parentheses. The title is placed above the table and any explanatory notes below.

#### 3.4. FIGURES

All figures must be numbered in Arabic numerals. Numbers should always be cited in the text in consecutive numerical order. The parts of the figures must be designated by lowercase letters (a, b, c, etc.). The title is placed below the figure and must include a reference if the figure is taken from another published work.

#### 3.5. ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviations should be defined at first mention and used consistently thereafter. In tables and figures, the abbreviations must be specified below the tables and figures with a font of 8.

### 3.6. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Acknowledgments of people, grants, funds, etc. should be declared. If funding must be declared, the names of the funding organizations must be specified in full.

### 3.7. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Authors must disclose any conflicts of interest related to their research work. A conflict of interest exists when an author or co-author has financial or personal relationships with other people or organizations that are likely to influence his professional judgments concerning an essential value.

### 3.8. REFERENCES

In the text, reference numbers must be put in square brackets [] and before punctuation; for example [1], [1-3] or [1,3].

When the reference includes several authors, **they should all be cited**.

References are presented according to **APA referencing system**, for example:

1. **Journal article (with DOI):** Blom, M., Norrehed, S., Andersson, C. H., Huang, H., Light, M. E., Bergquist, J., Grennberg, H., & Gogoll, A. (2015). Synthesis and Properties of Bis-Porphyrin Molecular Tweezers: Effects of Spacer Flexibility on Binding and Supramolecular Chirogenesis. *Molecules* (Basel, Switzerland), 21(1), E16. <https://doi.org/10.3390/molecules21010016>
2. **Book Chapter:** Brenner, R., & Wilcox, K. S. (2012). Potassium Channelopathies of Epilepsy. In J. L. Noebels (Eds.) et. al., *Jasper's Basic Mechanisms of the Epilepsies*. (4th ed.). National Center for Biotechnology Information (US).
3. **Book:** Epstein, C. M. (1990). Epilepsy. In H. K. Walker (Eds.) et. al., *Clinical Methods: The History, Physical, and Laboratory Examinations*. (3rd ed.). Butterworths.
4. **Website (online document):** Outbreak notice: Cholera in Haiti. Centres for Disease Control and Prevention Web site. [notice/haiti-cholera.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/od/oc/media/pressrels/2010/s092210a.htm). Published October 22, 2010 Accessed February 1, 2012.

## 4. Final decision

### 4.1. Acceptance of the manuscript

A notice of acceptance of the manuscript is sent to the authors via the ASJP platform when the editorial committee has considered this acceptance, after receiving the advice of **at least two reviewers**. Authors may still be asked to make editorial and / or substantive changes, sometimes necessary for the preparation of proofs for their article. The corrected versions of the articles must respect the following indications:

- to be accompanied by a letter containing each of the modifications requested by the reviewers, and which specifies:

- the modification actually made to the text by the author;
- or the reason why the latter did not wish to make the requested change, or was unable to do so.
- on the corrected version of the manuscript, the modification made must be highlighted.

#### **4.2. Refusal of the manuscript**

The Editorial Committee reserves the right to refuse manuscripts that do not comply with the above instructions and will notify the corresponding author.

#### **4.3 Proof corrections**

After final acceptance of the article, the proof is sent to the author via the ASJP platform. Only typographical errors can be corrected. No additions can be made to the manuscript definitively accepted.

Once validated, a **DOI is assigned to the article**, which is immediately **published online** in the "articles to be published" section.