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**Table: Standard Reporting Guidelines**

Type of study	Guideline
Clinical Trials	CONSORT
Observational	STROBE
Systematic reviews and meta-analysis on clinical trials	PRISMA
Meta-analysis of observational studies	MOOSE
Diagnostic accuracy	STARD
Qualitative research	COREQ
Others	See here...

**Manuscript preparation (details):** The journal adheres to the recommendations of International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (**ICMJE**). The main manuscript should carry the title, abstract, main text, acknowledgment, funding, authors' contribution, references, figures, and tables of the paper. The preferred word processing format for the manuscript file is Microsoft Word version 2003 or newer. Manuscripts should be double-spaced, with 2.5 cm margins on all sides. All abbreviations must be spelled out the first time used, followed by the abbreviated form in parentheses. Units of measurement must be complied with the International System of Units (**SI**). For indexing, three to five key words should be typed at the end of the abstract for each manuscript. These words should be identical to the medical subject headings (**MeSH**) that appear in the Index Medicus of the National Library of Medicine.

## Observational Studies

Cohort, case control, and cross-sectional studies should be arranged based on strengthening the Reporting of Observational studies in Epidemiology (**STROBE**) statement and checklist as: Abstract, Keywords, Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion, Conclusion, Acknowledgements, References, Tables, and Figures. A structured abstract (with the subheadings title, introduction, methods, results, and conclusion) should appear on the first page of the manuscript and should not exceed 350 words. The main text (excluding the abstract and references) should not exceed 3500 words.

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Original research papers that report a randomized controlled trial, should comply with the guidelines provided by the Consolidated Standards of Reporting Trials (**CONSORT**) group. In addition, supplying the manuscript with a CONSORT flowchart diagram is highly encouraged. Researchers who would like to publish their clinical trial reports in Emergency are strongly encouraged to register their studies in a registry of clinical trials, which meets the criteria of **WHO** or ICMJE. As an option, the Iranian Registry of Clinical Trials (**IRCT**) is a registry suggested by WHO.

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Review articles should be composed of systematic critical assessments of literature and data sources pertaining to clinical topics, emphasizing factors such as cause, diagnosis, prognosis, therapy, or prevention. They should have unstructured abstracts. All articles and data sources should include information about the specific types of study or analysis, population, intervention, exposure, and tests or outcomes. Authors of review articles should be expert and have contributions in the field of the addressed subject. Systematic reviews and meta-analyses on clinical trials and observational studies should be prepared based on Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (**PRISMA**) and Meta-analysis of observational studies in epidemiology (**MOOSE**), respectively.

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Case reports should be arranged as follows: Abstract (unstructured, not exceeding 200 words), Introduction, Case Report, Discussion, References, and Figures. The length should not exceed 1000 words.

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Original research papers can also be published in a brief format. Submitted papers that are of interest but not acceptable as a full-length original/research article, are offered by the editor to be published in this section. The authors can also primarily submit their papers for consideration of publication in this section. An unstructured abstract no longer than 200 words is required for this section. The body of the manuscript should not exceed 2000 words, and no heading or subheading should be used. The number of tables and/or figures should be limited to 2 and references to a maximum of 15.

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