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ANNOUNCEMENT

Beginning 1st of January 2016, MJMS will not accept new Case Reports submission via manuscript central. Thus, we encourage authors to submit Letters instead which discusses new or current medical issues supported by relevant data and references or write comments about the previous manuscripts already published in MJMS over the last 12 months.

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Authorship

Our journal adopts the [authorship criteria as stated by the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors](#), in which only those with substantial contributions in the research and in manuscript preparation are considered authors.

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- **Editorial**

Brief, substantiated commentary on subjects of topical interest.

Abstracts: Unstructured, not exceeding 150 words.

Text: Not exceeding 1200 words (excluding references, figures, and tables).

Tables and figures: Not exceeding 2.

References: Not exceeding 20.

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Report of original clinical or investigative laboratory research.

Abstract: Structured, not exceeding 275 words. The abstract is divided into Background, Methods, Results, and Conclusion.

Text: Not exceeding 3500 words (excluding references, figures, and tables).

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Overview of recent researches in a particular subject area suitable for a wide audience.

Abstract: Unstructured, not exceeding 275 words.

Text: Not exceeding 4500 words (excluding references, figures, and tables).

References: Not exceeding 80.

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Description of a complete small investigation; or of new models, hypotheses, or innovative methods.

Abstract: Unstructured, not exceeding 175 words.

Text: Not exceeding 1500 words (excluding references, figures, and tables).

Figures and tables: Not exceeding 3.

References: Not exceeding 20.

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Article on an important issue in clinical medicine, public health, health policy, or biomedical research in a scholarly, thorough, well-referenced, systematic, or evidence-based manner.

Abstract: Unstructured, not exceeding 200 words.

Text: Not exceeding 3000 words (excluding references, figures, and tables).

References: Not exceeding 80.

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A short report of original research/clinical case(s) studies focused on interesting academic findings.

Abstract: Not exceeding 300 words

Text: Not exceeding 1500 words.

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- ***Opinions and Comments to the Editor***

Comments on articles published within 6 months in MJMS or articles of interest to the biomedical community.

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The title page should have the following information:

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All research articles should have a funding acknowledgement in the form of a sentence, with the funding agency written out in full, followed by the grant number (multiple grant numbers should be separated by comma and space. For example: This work was supported by the World Health Organization [12345ab]).

2. Main document

a. Title

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b. Abstract

The length of abstract depends on the [type of manuscript](#) submitted. The abstract should state the purpose of the study, a brief description of the procedures employed, main findings, and principal conclusions; it should be a stand-alone section that can be understood without reference to the text. Footnotes, references, and subheadings must avoided.

For original articles, the abstract is structured as Background, Methods, Results, and Conclusion. For other articles, the abstract is unstructured.

c. Keywords

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Authors must provide at least 5 keywords that characterise the main topics of the article. Use recognised vocabularies related to the disciplines discussed that are available in the [MeSH thesaurus](#). We encourage the use of synonyms for terms provided in the article title. The keywords are to facilitate the retrieval of article by search engines; do not use terms that are too general.

d. Text

Sections and subsections

The main text is divided into the following sections:

Original articles	Case reports	Others
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction • Materials/Subjects and Methods • Results • Discussion • Conclusion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction • Case Report/Series • Discussion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As seen necessary by the authors

Long articles may need subsections clarify their content. Subheadings representing different hierarchical levels must be readily distinguished by readers. For example:

Heading 1	Materials and Methods	Bold type, title case
Heading 2	<i>Enzymatic analyses</i>	<i>Italic type, sentence case</i>
Heading 3	Glutathione peroxidase assay	Bold type, sentence case
Normal text	The glutathione peroxidase activity...	Roman type, sentence case

Listing

List may be run into the text if the items are short, simple, and form a complete grammatical sentence. For example:

The lecturer will expound on (1) glyceraldehydes, (2) erythrose, (3) arabinose, and (4) allose.

Lists that contain several levels should be set vertically. For example:

The animals were divided into the following groups:

1. Group 1: Control (0.5 mL/kg saline, p.o.)
2. Group 2: Untreated diabetic (230 mg/kg NA and 65 mg/kg STZ)
3. Group 3: Diabetic + Combination-1 (1 mg/kg Pio + 50 mg/kg Met, p.o.)
4. Group 4: Diabetic + Combination-2 (1 mg/kg Pio + 0.2 mg/kg Gmp, p.o.)
5. Group 5: Diabetic + α -tocopherol (20 mg/kg, p.o.)
6. Group 6: Diabetic + insulin (1 IU/kg, s.c.)

e. References

References should be numbered consecutively in the order in which they are first mentioned in the text (citation-sequence style). Please ensure that every reference cited in the text is also present in the reference list.

In-text citation

Identify references in text, tables, and legends by Arabic numerals in parentheses, for example: (2), (3–5). To cite a study by the author's name, follow these examples:

One author: Sardon (5) reported a high prevalence of malaria.

Two authors: Smith and Nelson (6) reported a high prevalence of malaria.

Three or more authors: Fernando et al. (7) reported a high prevalence of malaria.

Reference list

For formatting the reference list, we recommend following the *Scientific Style and Format: The CSE Manual For Authors, Editors, and Publishers* or *Citing Medicine: The NLM Style Guide for Authors, Editors, and Publishers*.

Author is also requested to provide the **digital object identifier (DOI)** for each DOI-assigned citation. DOI is usually available in the bibliographic information and can be retrieved from [CrossRef](#) by [using free DOI lookup](#) or [simple text queries](#). Please note that failure to comply with this direction may result in a delay in the manuscript publication.

Journal article

General	Author(s). Title of article. <i>Journal title</i> *. Year of publication; Volume(Issue) :Pageination. DOI. *A journal title should be abbreviated according to the style used in PubMed. Johnson LA, Jackson DG. Inflammation-induced secretion of CCL21 in lymphatic endothelium is a key regulator of integrin-mediated dendritic cell transmigration. <i>Int Immunol</i> . 2010; 22(10) :839–826. doi: 10.1093/intimm/dxq432.
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Book

General	Author(s). <i>Book title</i> . Edition. Place of publication: Publisher; Year of publication. Carlson BM. <i>Human embryology and developmental biology</i> . 3rd ed. St Louis (MO): Mosby; 2004.
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Dissertation or thesis

General Author. Title of dissertation or thesis [content designator]. Place of publication: Publisher; date.
Oviedo S. Adolescent pregnancy: voices heard in the everyday lives of pregnant teenagers [master's thesis]. [Denton (TX)]: University of North Texas; 1995.

Conference proceeding or paper

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Pacak K, Aguilera G, Sabban E, Kvetnansky R, editors. Stress: Current neuroendocrine and genetic approaches. 8th Symposium on Catecholamines and Other Neurotransmitters in Stress; 2003 Jun 28–Jul 3; Smolenice Castle, Slovakia. New York: New York Academy of Sciences; 2004. 590 p.

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Author(s). Paper title. In: Editor(s), editors. Book title*. Conference title; Date of conference; Place of conference. Place of publication: Publisher; Year of publication. Pagination.

Ilias I, Pacak K. Anatomical and functional imaging of metastatic pheochromocytoma. In: Pacak K, Aguilera G, Sabban E, Kvetnansky R, editors. Stress: Current neuroendocrine and genetic approaches. 8th Symposium on Catecholamines and Other Neurotransmitters in Stress; 2003 Jun 28–Jul 3; Smolenice Castle, Slovakia. New York: New York Academy of Sciences; 2004. p. 495–504.

Patent

General Inventor(s), inventors; Assignee's name, assignee. Title. Patent country Document type Patent Number. Date issued.

Myers K, Nguyen C, inventors; 3F Therapeutics, Inc., assignee. Prosthetic heart valve. United States patent US 6,911,043. 2005 Jun 28.

Technical report

General Author(s). Title. Place of publication: Publisher; Year of publication. Pagination. Report number.

Page E, Harney JM. Health hazard evaluation report. Cincinnati (OH): National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (US); 2001. 24 p. Report No.: HETA2000-0139-2824.

Newspaper article

General Author(s). Article title. *Newspaper title*. Date of publication:Section:Location (Column number).

Gaul G. When geography influences treatment options. *Washington Post*. 2005 Jul 24:Sect. A:12 (col.1).

Electronic source

Website Author(s). Title of article [Internet]. Place of publication: Publisher; Year of publication [Date of citation]. Available from: URL.

Peterson CL, Burton R. U.S. Health care spending: Comparison with other OECD countries. [Internet]. Washington DC (USA): Congressional Research Service; 2007 [cited 2007 Sep 17]. Available from: http://assets.opncrs.com/rpts/RL34175_20070917.pdf.

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Database Title [Internet]. Place of publication: Publisher; Year of publication [date of update/revision]. Available from: URL.

Database of Human Disease Causing Gene Homologues in Dictyostelium Discoideum [Internet]. San Diego (CA): San Diego Supercomputer Center; 2003 [modified 2003 Mar 30; cited 2007 Feb 2]. Available from: <http://dictyworkbench.sdsc.edu/HDGDD>.

CD-ROM Author(s). Title [medium designator]. Place of publication: Publisher; Year of publication. Extent: Physical description.

Lennon RL, Horlocker TT. Mayo Clinic procedural training manual: Peripheral nerve blockade for major lower extremity orthopaedic surgery [CD-ROM]. Rochester (MN): Mayo Foundation for Medical Education & Research; 2006. 1 CD-ROM: sound, colour, 4 ¾ in.

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Troyer G. Sensory phantoms: Dealing with the loss of a limb [Internet]. [Place of publication unknown]: Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. 2009 [updated 2009 Jan 5; cited 2009 Jan 13]. Available from: www.cbc.ca/health/story/2009/01/05/ftroyer-phantompain.html.

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Based on a survey conducted in our hospital, 78.6% of resident physicians complained of being overworked (unpublished data).

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The economic burden of health care has increased tremendously due to the increasing cases of non-communicable diseases among Malaysians (Dr Rashid Omar, Director General of Health, personal communication).

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When citing information, it is always best to consult the original document; citing a secondary source is discouraged. However, if the primary source is unavailable, cite the source of your information (i.e., the secondary source).

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Tables must be submitted **separately** from the main document. Please ensure that the table (including titles and footnotes) is complete enough to be understood without reference to the text while assuring that the table is orderly, logical, and as simple as possible. Each table should have

a. Title

Number each table sequentially, in the order in which it is mentioned in the text and assign a brief descriptive title for each table.

b. Table

Use the Table tools in Microsoft Word to construct the table; **do not** manually construct table columns using Tab or embed the table as an image in the text.

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Assign footnotes in alphabetical order from left to right and from top to bottom. Use superscript lowercase letters, e.g., ^aMean (SD), ^bAnalysis of variance.

d. Abbreviation list (if any)

Expanded abbreviations are typically presented below the footnotes. Abbreviations defined in the text must be redefined as this practice allows the table to stand alone.

An example of table format suitable for MJMS is as depicted below:

Table 3: Association of *CYP2D6* alleles and PANSS scores

	Subtotal Positive ^a			Subtotal Negative ^a			Subtotal General ^a			Total PANSS ^a		
<i>CYP2D6</i> *1	9.	7	(3.52)	8.	9	(3.86)	20.	2	(4.46)	38.	7	(10. 11)
<i>CYP2D6</i> *4	9.	8	(2.75)	7.	3	(0.50)	22.	3	(5.32)	39.	3	(8. 42)
<i>CYP2D6</i> *5	10.	9	(2.78)	9.	2	(3.74)	22.	5	(6.26)	42.	6	(11. 13)
<i>CYP2D6</i> *10	9.	4	(2.63)	8.	8	(3.77)	20.	6	(4.27)	38.	9	(8. 96)
Duplication	11.	2	(5.01)	14.	1	(7.67)	24.	5	(8.76)	49.	8	(19. 31)
<i>F</i> statistic (<i>df</i>)	1.	29	(4, 289)	4.	44	(4, 289)	2.	67	(4, 289)	3.	22	(4, 289)
<i>P</i> value ^b	0.	276		0.	002		0.	033		0.	013	
NA	8.	1	(2.19)	7.	2	(0.65)	18.	8	(2.90)	34.	1	(4. 86)
Total	9.	6	(3.12)	8.	9	(3.97)	20.	5	(4.65)	39.	1	(10. 02)

^aMean (SD). ^bAnalysis of variance (ANOVA). NA represents samples that were amplifiable during first PCR, but genotypes were not determined during the second PCR. Samples were screened for *CYP2D6**3, *4, *5, *6, *9, *10, *14, *17, and duplication gene.

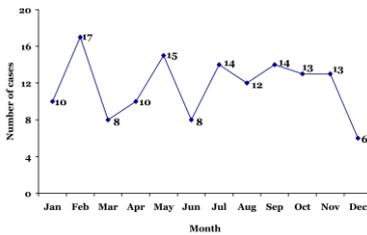
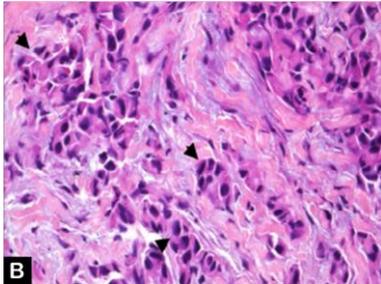
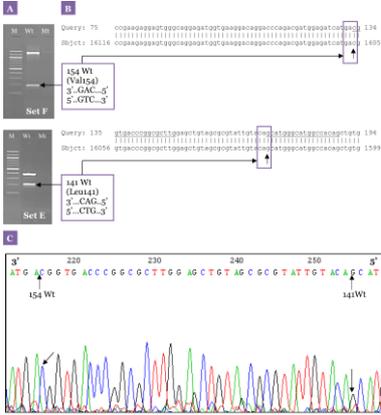
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3. Uniform requirements for manuscripts submitted to biomedical journals: Writing and editing for biomedical publication [Internet]. International Committee of Medical Journal Editors; 2009 [cited 2010 May 7]. Available from: <http://www.icmje.org/>.
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