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About the Journal

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Scope of the journal

The journal publishes articles on medical and pediatric oncology, haemato-oncology, onco-pathology, onco-radiology and allied subjects. The journal will cover technical and clinical studies related to the above subjects including ethical and social issues. Articles with clinical interest and implications will be given preference.

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Article Types

The following table shows what types of articles are accepted for publication, and what requirement they may have.

Article Type	Abstract Limit	Keywords Limit	Title Limit	Tables/Figures Limit	References Limit
Original article (up to 3,500 words)	Up to 350 words (Structured: Introduction, Objectives, Materials and Methods, Results, Conclusion)	3 to 7 keywords	Up to 35 words	Up to 5 tables/figures	Up to 40 references
Review article (up to 4,000 words)	Up to 400 words (Unstructured abstract), Structured for systematic review and meta-analysis	3 to 7 keywords	Up to 35 words	Up to 5 tables/figures	Up to 75 references
Case report with review of literature (Up to 3,000 words)	Up to 250 words	2 to 5 keywords	Up to 35 words	Up to 2 tables/figures	Up to 30 references
Editorial (up to 1,500 words)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Up to 15 references
Brief Communication (Up to 2,000 words)	Unstructured (up to 200 words)	3 to 7 keywords	Up to 35 words	Up to 2 tables/figures	Up to 20 references
Letter to Editor (up to 500 words)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Up to 5 references
Drug Review (Up to 1,500 words)	Up to 150 words	3 to 7 keywords	Up to 35 words	Up to 2 tables/figures	Up to 15 references
Oncology Beyond Science (Up to 3,000 words)	N/A	N/A	Up to 35 words	Up to 6 tables/figures	Up to 10 references
Report on International Publication (Up to 1,000 words)	N/A	N/A	Up to 35 words	Up to 2 tables/figures	Up to 15 references
Grand Round (Up to 1,000 words)	N/A	N/A	Up to 35 words	Up to 5 tables/figures	Up to 20 references
Courting Controversy (Up to 1,000 words)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Up to 10 references
How I treat (Up to 2,000 words)	N/A	N/A	Up to 35 words	Up to 5 tables figures	Up to 20 references

Article Type	Abstract Limit	Keywords Limit	Title Limit	Tables/Figures Limit	References Limit
Policy brief (Up to 2,000 words)	N/A	N/A	Up to 35 words	Up to 2 tables/figures	Up to 30 references
Perspective (Up to 3,000 words)	N/A	N/A	Up to 35 words	Up to 2 tables/figures	Up to 30 references
News (Up to 1,500 words)	N/A	N/A	Up to 35 words	Up to 5 tables/figures	Up to 20 references
Trainee's Corner					
Resident's Voice (Up to 1,000 words)	N/A	N/A	Up to 35 words	Up to 2 tables/figures	Up to 5 references
Notes on The Exam Selection (NOTES) (Up to 1,500 words)	N/A	N/A	Up to 35 words	Up to 3 tables/figures	Up to 15 references
Debate on Journal Article (Up to 1,500 words)	N/A	N/A	Up to 35 words	Up to 2 tables/figures	Up to 15 references
Year in Review (Up to 2,500 words)	Up to 300 words	N/A	Up to 35 words	Up to 4 tables/figures	Up to 25 references

Abstract and Keywords

See the section Article Types for word limits. The abstract should briefly outline the content of the article and any conclusions it may reach. The keywords should be wording a reader would be likely to use in searching for the content of the article.

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- Review Article:** It is expected that these articles would be written preferably by individuals who have done substantial work on the subject or are considered experts in the field. The prescribed word count is up to 4,000 words excluding tables, references and abstract. The manuscript may have about 75 references. The manuscript should have an unstructured Abstract (350–400 words) representing an accurate summary of the article. A total of five figures/tables can be incorporated. The section titles would depend upon the topic reviewed. Authors submitting systematic review article should include a section describing the methods used for locating, selecting, extracting, and synthesizing data. These methods should also be summarized in the abstract. The journal expects the contributors to give post- publication updates on the subject of review. The update should be brief, covering the advances in the

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- **Editorial:** Editorials are solicited by the editorial board or Editor-in-Chief; should be up to 1,500 words and with no more than 15 references.
- **Brief Communication:** The word limit for this type of manuscript is up to 2,000 words. A total of up to 20 references can be cited. A maximum of two figures/tables can be incorporated. Please follow general guidelines for figures and tables.
- **Letter to the Editor:** These should be short and decisive observations. They should preferably be: 1. A rare, interesting new case or finding or method or observation, 2. Reply to previous letter, 3. In response to published article in IJMPO, 4. Any comment or issue/policy of public importance/breakthrough. The letter could have up to 500 words and five references. It could be generally authored by not more than four authors.
- **Drug Review:** The text of drug review amounting to up to 1,500 words (excluding abstract, references and tables) should be divided into section with headings Abstract (unstructured, up to 150 words: Introduction, Discovery, Mechanism of Action, Uses, FDA and DCGI approval status, Dose and Administration instructions, Common/important toxicities, Important/Landmark trial, Cost effectiveness, Applicability to India and Take-home points). All the text headers are **mandatory**. A total of two tables/figures (all inclusive) can be incorporated. Maximum number of 15 references are allowed. Maximum of five authors are allowed.
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- Use only one space, not two, after periods.
- Create tables using the Table function in Microsoft Word.
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References

References should be the most recent and pertinent literature available. It is essential that they are complete and thoroughly checked. If the reference information is incomplete, good online sites to search for full details are the National Library of Medicine: www.nlm.nih.gov; Books in Print: www.booksinprint.com; PubMed: www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/PubMed/; or individual publisher Web sites.

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 - References must be cited sequentially (NOT alphabetically) in the text using superscript numbers.
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- Figures must be cited sequentially in the text. Number all figures (and corresponding figure legends) sequentially in the order they are cited in the text.
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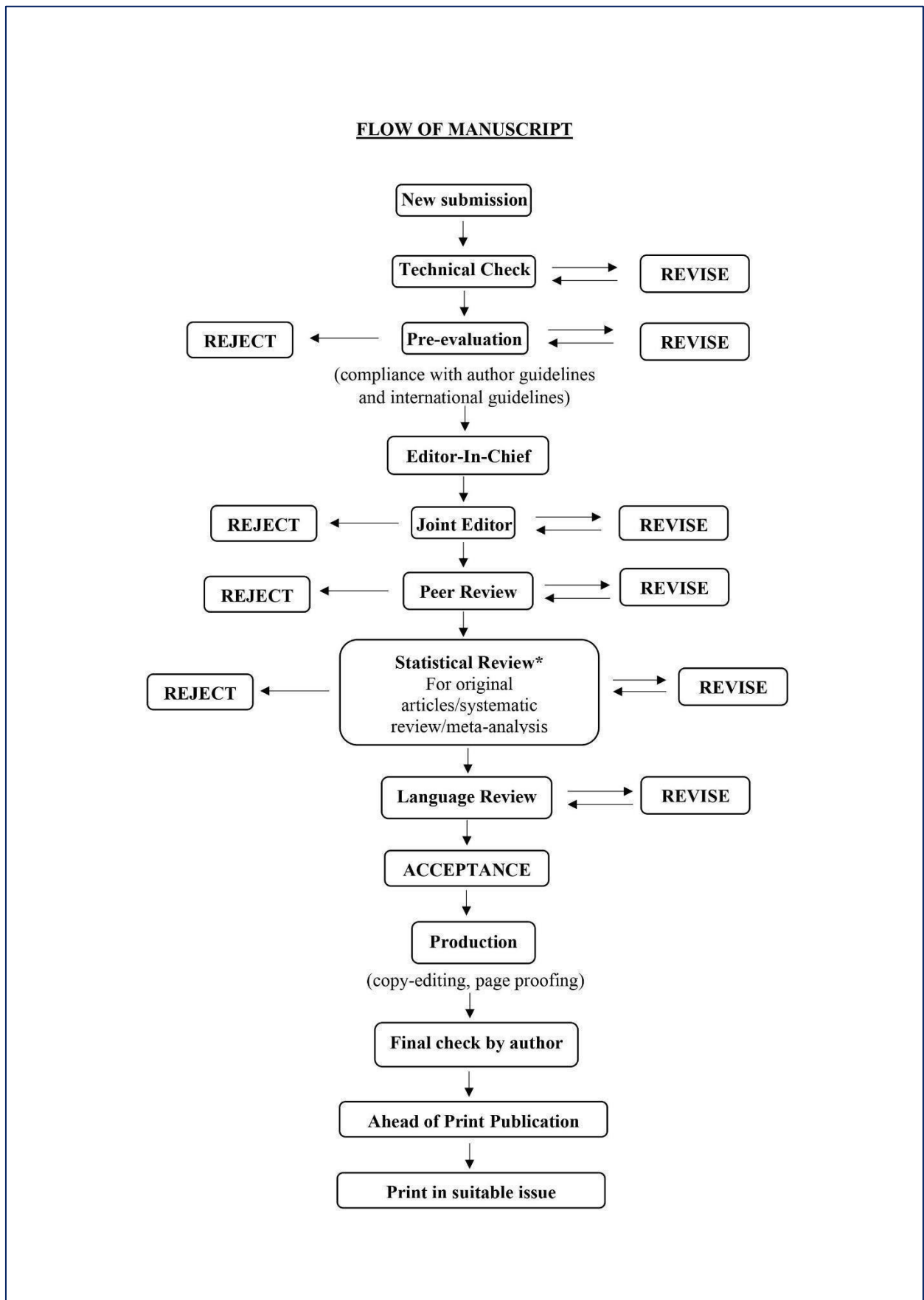
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