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MANUSCRIPT PREPARATION GUIDELINES

1. General Guideline

- 1) The manuscript must be submitted in Microsoft Word format (.doc). The manuscript must be written with the font size of 10 points (Malgun Gothic or Dotum for Korean and Time New Romans or Arial for English version) with double-spaced in A4 (212×297 mm) paper size. The author must leave uniform margins of 3 cm at the top, bottom, left, and right of every page and the author must insert a page number consecutively at bottom center on each page, beginning with the title page. The author(s) must not include any information on the author's(s) name and his or her affiliation in the main text except the title page.
- 2) In case of the manuscript written in Korean, the author must follow appropriate Korean grammar, and the author also must use academic terminologies in the Korean Department of Education's most recent science and technology glossary and the Korean Medical Association's medical glossary. The author(s) must use a generic name of medicine rather than a brand name unless his or her research focus is on a specific brand of medicine.
- 3) To be consistent throughout the manuscript, the author must explain a test result by choosing only one unit from either Conventional Units or International System of Units.
- 4) The author must minimize the use of abbreviations for the clarity. The author, however, may use the abbreviations when necessary. On its first appearance, however, the abbreviation must be spelled out completely and the abbreviation must be placed in parenthesis. After that, the author is allowed to use only the abbreviation in the text without further explanation.
- 5) The author must put its model name, manufacturer, city, state, and country in parenthesis immediately after a machine and an equipment's name. It is generally an accepted rule that a generic name shall be used for a reagent, but the author may be allowed to use its brand name in parenthesis along with its generic name. The author must indicate its manufacturer, city, state, and country when he or she uses the reagent's brand name.

2. Manuscript order

Manuscripts must include these elements in the following order: ① Title page, ② Abstract & Keywords, ③ Main text ④ Acknowledgement (optional), ⑤ REFERENCES, ⑥ Tables, and ⑦ Figure legends and Figures. Each of such elements must begin with a new page. Abstract, References, and Tables/Figures should be written in English. The title page containing authors' information and the figure files should be uploaded as separate files from the rest of the manuscript.

① Title Page

The title page must include the following in sequence: 1) Title, 2) Authors' names, their affiliations, and their ORCID IDs, 3) Funding, and 4) Conflict of interest.

- Title of the Manuscript: The title should summarize the main ideas of the manuscript, and it should be concise only with necessary words. The author must avoid the phrases such as 'research on' and 'test on' in the title. The first letter of each note of the English title must start with a capital letter.

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- Conflict of interests should be disclosed in the title page. If the authors do not have any conflict of interest, please state "The authors declare no conflict of interest" and upload "Copyright transfer agreement and disclosure of conflict of interest" form".

② Abstract & Keywords

1) Original article

The author shall divide an English Abstract into four sections such as Background, Methods, Results, and Conclusion, and compose it clearly and concisely within 250 words.

2) Review article and Case report

The abstract must be written in one paragraph without dividing sections and putting their headings within 250 words.

3) Keywords

The author must list Keywords immediately below the English Abstract with from three to five keywords in their alphabetical order. For the selection of the keywords, the author may use Index Medicus's Medical Subject Heading (MeSH, <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/mesh/MBrowser.html>) as a reference and avoid the use of an abbreviation, if possible.

③ Main text

1) Original articles

The manuscript may be written in Korean or English. The main text must be structured as follows: Introduction, Methods, Results, and Discussion.

- Introduction: The introduction must clearly and concisely present the background and purpose of research, without stating research results and conclusions.

- Methods: This section must articulate the selection methods of research subjects and analytical strategies so that other researchers should be able to reproduce the same experiment. Also, the author must indicate the exact statistical program's name and its version.

- Results: The authors must write the research results logically and clearly. The author shall briefly explain only the important contents of tables and figures if they are used in the manuscript.

- Discussion: The author should discuss important findings of his or her research in relation to prior works and the same author should also discuss the values and implications of the findings, and the limitations of the research as well. The author, however, should not simply reiterate the same materials that have been already discussed in the result section. Additionally, the author must make conclusion only within the scope of the present research results.

2) Review articles

Usually, the Journal's editorial board invites a specific author for a review article; but any author may submit a review manuscript to the Journal. The manuscript of the review article should be written in Korean, in principle, but it can be written in English according to the decision of the editorial board if necessary. The main text should be structured as follows: Introduction, Main body, and Conclusion.

3) Case Reports

A case report can be written in Korean and English and the main Text should be structured as follows: Introduction, Case report, and Conclusion.

4) Brief Communications

A brief communication is a short essay which discusses a new research perspective or a report of important research development. The author must follow the format of the original article, but the brief communication must be within 5,000 words in length, and the total number of tables and figures together shall not exceed two. The Journal's editorial board may ask the author of an original article to resubmit it as a brief communication.

5) Letter to the Editor

An author may submit a letter to the editor and provide a critique of a recently published article in Korean Journal of Geriatrics and Gerontology or a new perspective to a certain academic subject and issue.

④ Acknowledgment

The non-author contributor should be recognized at the acknowledgment for his or her contribution to the article. The roles of the non-author contributor must be clearly stated at the acknowledgment (e.g., data collection, financial assistance, data analysis, or experiment analysis). The author must inform the non-author contributor that he or she will be acknowledged in the article and then obtain consent for it before the submission of the article.

⑤ REFERENCES

- 1) Use the term of 'References' rather than 'Bibliography,' and all references must be written in English.
- 2) References should be numbered in the order that they appear in the text and cited in square brackets in the text. References are cited after an author's name or the last word of related contents and a period or comma is placed after the reference number (e.g., "The prevalence of diabetes ... in elderly patients [23].")
- 3) Put the author's names up to six and add 'et al' after these six author names to shorten the list of author's names if there are more than six authors. Use the abbreviations of journal names that have been approved by Index Medicus.
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① Periodicals

Author. Title of article. Title of Periodical year; volume number (issue number): a starting page number–an ending page number (skip putting an issue number for the journals that have the continued page numbers between different issues)

– when the number of authors is six

Moritz DJ, Kasl SV, Berkman LF. Cognitive functioning and the incidence of limitations in activities of daily living in an elderly community sample. *Am J Epidemiol* 1995;141:41–9.

– when the number of authors is seven or more

Ravaglia G, Forti P, Maioli F, Boschi F, Cicognani A, Bernardi M, et al. Determinants of functional status in healthy Italian nonagenarians and centenarians: A comparative functional assessments by the instruments of geriatric

practice. *J Am Geriatr Soc* 1997;45:1196-202.

- when an organization is an author

The Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand. Clinical exercise stress testing. Safety and performance guidelines. *Med J Aust* 1996;164:282-4.

- when there is a supplement with a certain volume

Shen HM, Zhang QF. Risk assessment of nickel carcinogenicity and occupational lung cancer. *Environ Health Perspect* 1994;102 suppl 1:275-82.

- when there is a supplement with a certain issue

Payne DK, Sullivan MD, Massie MJ. Women's psychological reaction to breast cancer. *Semin Oncol* 1996;23(1 Suppl 2):89-97.

- Anonymous authors

Cancer in South Africa [editorial]. *S Afr Med J* 1994;84:15.

- when indicating the type of article

Enzensberger W, Fischer PA. Metronome in Parkinson's disease [letter]. *Lancet* 1996;347:1337.

Clement J, De Bock R. Hematological complication of hantavirus nephropathy (HVN) [abstract]. *Kidney Int* 1992;42:1285.

- when the article is in the process of printing

Leshner AI. Molecular mechanisms of cocaine addiction. *N Engl J Med*. In press 1996.

② Books, and Book Chapters

Author. Title of work. Edition. The City (the State): publisher; year. p. a starting page-an ending page.

- Personal authors

Ringsven MK, Bond D. Gerontology and leadership skills for nurses. 2nd ed. Albany (NY): Delmar Publishers; 1996.

- chapter in an edited book

Philips SJ, Whisnant JP. Hypertension and stroke. In: Laragh JH, Brenner BM, editors. Hypertension: pathophysiology, diagnosis, and management. 2nd ed. New York: Taven Press; 1995. p. 465-78.

③ Conference papers

Author. Title of paper. Conference Proceeding (put conference name when no proceeding is published); the date of the conference; the place of the conference. The place of publication: Publisher; year.

Kimura J, Shibasaki H, editors. Recent advances in clinical neurophysiology. Proceedings of the 10th International Congress of EEMG and Clinical Neurophysiology; 1995 Oct 15-19; Kyoto, Japan. Amsterdam: Elsevier; 1996.

④ Dissertations and Theses

Author. Title of doctoral dissertation or master's thesis. The city where the institution granting the degree is located. Name of the institution granting the degree; year. Language.

Kaplan SJ. Post-hospital home health care: the elderly's access and utilization [dissertation]. St. Louis (MO): Washington Univ.; 1995.

⑤ Online Magazine Articles

- Morse SS. Factors in the emergence of infectious diseases. *Emerg Infect Dis* [serial online] 1995 Jan-Mar [cited 1996 Jun 5]; 1(1):[24 screens]. Available from: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/EID/eid.htm>.

- From website/ homepage

AMA: helping doctors help patients[Internet]. Chicago: American Medical Association; c1995-2007. [cited 2008 Feb 22]. Available from: <http://www.ama-assn.org>.

⑥ Tables

- 1) Tables must be concisely written in English, within the manuscript on a new page, and their contents must clear to the readers without reading the explanations on tables in the main text. When it is inappropriate to write tables in English like the cases of some surveys, however, the author may be allowed to write the tables in Korean. In this case, tables must be consistently written in Korean throughout the manuscript.
- 2) Each table should be numbered in Arabic numerals in the order of their citation in the text (e.g., Table 1.).
- 3) Include a concise title of a table in the form of phrase or clause, where only the first letter of the title shall be capitalized.
- 4) All tables must be double-spaced and each table must take one page.
- 5) Do not use vertical lines inside a table and also use horizontal lines only when they are necessary.
- 6) Include units of measurement inside a table, and do not capitalize them when they are not necessary. However, capitalize "P" in "P value."
- 7) Put a footnote immediately below a table. By numbering each of them, provide the explanations of any abbreviations and specific information used in the table. The abbreviations must be explained continuously in the order of introduction without changing a line (ex: BMI, body mass index; CVD, cardiovascular disease; SBP, systolic blood pressure; DBP, diastolic blood pressure). The notes on specific information shall be made by inserting superscript symbols (in the order of *, †, ‡, §, ||, ¶, **). The first letter of each note must start with a capital letter.

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- 4) For footnotes on abbreviations and specific information in figures and photos, the author shall follow the same techniques as explained in Tables section in the present guidelines.

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