

Instructions to authors

About Genetic Clinics

Genetic Clinics is a quarterly journal published by the Society for the Indian Academy of Medical Genetics. The journal aims to provide a forum that enhances the practice and education of medical genetics in India. Articles of interest to the medical professionals in the field of medical genetics are welcome. The broad topics include: genetic bases of diseases, chromosomal disorders, dysmorphic syndromes, malformations, Mendelian disorders, genetics of complex diseases, genetic testing, prenatal diagnosis, perinatal autopsy, teratogenesis, genetic counseling, laboratory practices, professional issues, psychological aspects, social aspects and legal aspects in the practice of medical genetics.

Each article is sent for peer-review to experts in the respective field and is also subjected to editing for content and style.

All articles should be submitted online through the journal website:

www.iamg.in/genetic_clinics/online_submission.php

The categories under which manuscripts can be submitted include:

De Novo: Original articles with novel findings and developments in the field of medical genetics are considered. It should contain the following sections: Introduction, Materials/Patients and Methods, Results and Discussion. The word limit is 2000 words. Restrict the number of references to 20.

Gene Vista: Review articles, approach to common genetic problems and opinions from experts in the field are considered. The word limit is 2500 words. The number of references should not exceed 15.

Gene Focus: These are usually invited commentaries on a specific topic by the experts in the field. If you have any idea, please contact the editor.

Clinical Vignettes: This is a brief case report and should not exceed 1000 words. It should contain an Introduction followed by the Case summary and Discussion. Limit the number of references to 10 and number of photographs to 4.

Gene Express: This is intended to serve as a guide to further reading. Articles of interest to clinicians published recently in leading journals are covered. The gist/ excerpt of each article should be included in one paragraph. One write-up can contain up to 4 -5 such excerpts.

Photo Quiz: Good quality photographs of a typical genetic disease or clinical sign. Three to four sentences should describe the salient clinical/ laboratory findings followed by a question asking the readers to identify the condition. There should be preferably one answer to the query which is unambiguous. The answer should also be provided with one paragraph giving crisp information on the condition. Only the author's name and email id will be published in the journal.

Gene Mails: Letters to the editor discussing the contents of previous issues, comments and suggestions to the editorial board are considered. The number of words should not exceed 200.

Gene Events: Brief and concise write-up about conferences, workshops and continuing medical education programs related to the field of medical genetics. The word limit is 500 words and 1-2 representative photos of the event should be provided.

Heart to Heart Talk: Write-up related to personal emotional and psychosocial experiences encountered by the clinician during interaction with families with genetic disorders; articles in this section are meant to address issues from a human interest point of view. The number of words should not exceed 1000 words.

Gene Toons: Cartoons, jokes or humorous anecdotes related to the field of medical genetics can be submitted under this category. The number of words should not exceed 100 words.

General Instructions for all manuscripts:

All manuscripts submitted to Genetic Clinics should not have been published in any form in any other publication. If the manuscript contains any information pertaining to a patient(s), it should

include a statement that informed consent was obtained from the patient(s) or guardian(s), as appropriate as well as from the Institutional Ethics Committee. Manuscripts should be prepared in accordance with the technical requirements mentioned below:

1. Manuscripts should be written in grammatically correct American/ British English.
2. Manuscripts should be in the double-spaced format in a 12 point size Times New Roman or Arial font.
3. Cover page: The cover page should contain the category of article, the full title, the keywords, the names of the contributors with their affiliation and e-mail address for correspondence.
4. A separate abstract should be included for manuscripts submitted under the DeNovo, Gene Vista and Clinical Vignettes categories. The abstract should not exceed 250 words.
5. The manuscript should contain the main text, tables, references and legends to the figures/ images.
6. Tables and figures should be properly labelled with Arabic numerals in the order in which they appear in the text.
7. Figures and images should be submitted separately in the TIFF/ JPEG format and should be of good resolution (>300 dpi).
8. The reference should be given in the manuscript as the name of the first author followed by et al., and the year of publication in brackets at the end of the sentence e.g. (Brickwood et al., 2003). The list of references should be given at the end of the main text in alphabetical order and should include: name and initials of the first author only followed by et al, the title of the paper, the journal title abbreviated according to the style of Index Medicus, the year of publication, volume number, and the first and last page numbers (E.g.: Brickwood S, et al. Wolcott-Rallison syndrome: pathogenic insights into neonatal diabetes from new mutation and expression studies of EIF2AK3. *J Med Genet* 2003; 40: 685-689). In case of only two authors, the names of both the authors can be given. References of book chapters should give the name and initials of the first author only followed by et al, the name of the chapter, title of the book, edition, names of the editors, year of publication, and first and last page numbers (E.g.: Scott DA, Lee B. Patterns of genetic transmission. In: Kliegman RM,

Stanton BF, Schor NF, St Geme III JW, Behrman RE. Nelson Textbook of Pediatrics.19th ed.; 2011. p.383-393).

9. All photographs of patients should be accompanied by a signed consent for publication, from the patient or guardian.
10. All submissions have to be accompanied by a Copyright Transfer Agreement form signed by the corresponding author.
11. All submissions have to be accompanied by an Undertaking Form signed by the corresponding author, stating that it is an original submission, not published in any other print/ online format and that all the authors have read and approved the manuscript prior to submission.

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