Instructions to authors

The Journal of Korean Medicine for Obesity Research

Purpose and Evidence for Publication

The Journal of Korean Medicine for Obesity Research (J Korean Med Obes Res) is the official publication of the Society of Korean Medicine for Obesity Research. The instructions to authors follow the “Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals: Writing and Editing for Biomedical Publication”

1. General Guideline

1) Types of Publication

The Journal of Korean Medicine for Obesity Research accepts high-quality studies related to the obesity research in Korean medicine in types of original articles, editorials, reviews, clinical researches, case reports, clinical images, commentaries, continuing education columns, and letters to the editor.

2) Handling of Manuscript and Publishing Order

The qualification of contributor shall be a member of the Society of Korean Medicine for Obesity Research as a general rule. But, it can be submitted if they conducted the joint research with a member of this society, or received the recommendation of the council member of this society. The one between the lead author and corresponding author shall be a member of this society.

All manuscripts will be determined whether to be published by going through deliberation of editorial board after being reviewed by a number of reviewers requested by editorial board. The publication order of selected manuscript will be in the order of submitting final manuscript as a general rule.
3) Duplicate Publication and Unauthorized Publication

The manuscript with same details in same language as the ones published in other scientific journals or periodic publications already cannot be contributed and the manuscript published in our journal cannot be reproduced voluntarily at other places.

4) Publication Fee

A designated publication fee can be charged for all manuscripts except requested manuscripts. The designing fee or cost required for special printing must be paid by author for its actual expenses. And in case of desiring additional reprints, its number of copies should be written on the cover of manuscript while the expenses required for the productions shall be paid separately by the author.

5) Statement of Human Right

The confidentiality of patients must be protected in case of human subjects are involved. Recording name, chart number and precise date should be avoided and one must be careful not to expose patient status.

6) Role of Editorial Board

Various inquiries related to sending and editing manuscript must be perform at the editorial board, the editorial board may request corrections to author on style and length of manuscript and the phrases or structure of paragraph may be corrected within the range of not influencing the manuscript by the decision of editorial board. All manuscripts are not returned after being submitted.

7) Copyrights

The copyrights of all published manuscripts are owned by The Society of Korean Medicine for Obesity Research.

2. Journal Publication interval

Our paper is published two times per year (June 30 and December 30).

3. Peer review

Every manuscript received is circulated to three peer reviewers. The author’s name and affiliation is not disclosed to reviewers during the review process.
The review process can be repeated three times if the request for revision is suggested by the reviewers. If the re-review is repeated more than three times, it may not be considered for publication.

If two reviewers do not agree to accept the manuscript, it may not be considered for publication. The first review process usually ends within one month.

If there are any complicated statistical analyses in the manuscript, it may be reviewed by a statistical editor.

The finally accepted manuscript will be reviewed by a manuscript editor for the consistency of the format and the completeness of references. The manuscript may be revised according to the opinion of the manuscript editor.

4. Submission of Manuscript

1) Submission Guideline

The accepted format for the word processing program is HWP and MS word DOC files. The draft should be prepared on A4 paper (210 x 297mm) with space of 30 mm from the top, the bottom, right side and left side. Font size should be 10.0 points, row space 160%. Pages should be numbered in series from the title page. All paragraphs should be indented by 2 and it is not recommended to spacing typing with space bar in the beginning of paragraph. Other detailed instructions are as follows.

2) Draft Contribution Method

The draft, the writer check sheet, statement of copyright transfer is contributed to the online homepage; Article Contribution Management System of the Society of Korean Medicine for Obesity Research. It may be entered at the homepage of JKOMOR (http://www.jkomor.org).

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5. Length of Manuscript

The length of manuscript shall be not exceeding 15 pages with A4(210×297mm) paper. If the length of draft exceeds 15 pages, extra publication fee will be charged to the author.

6. Organization Style of Manuscript

The article should be organized in the order of title page, abstract, keywords, texts, acknowledgements, references, table, figure, figure legends (except for clinical & case report and reviews) while the text is divided into title, introduction, materials (subject) and method, result, discussions and conclusion (summary).

1) Title Page
On the title page
① Brief Korean and English title communicating the contents well (All words must be capitalized except for prepositions and articles).
② Full name of authors in Korean (First author comes first and co-authors follow)
③ Affiliation of authors
④ Full names and affiliations of authors in English
⑤ Name and address of corresponding author (including Phone, Fax and E-mail address) should be written in English.
⑥ Funding support
⑦ When the Korean title exceeds 30 characters or English title exceeds 15 words, the running head should be inserted at the end of the title page (No more than 10 characters in case of Korean and no more than 5 words in case of English).

2) Authors
The person listed on manuscript as the author of manuscript must be qualified as an author. Each author must be the person who has participated adequately in the study to the extent of being able to take responsibility for the details of study. The author is qualified only in case of
① Contributing to establishing basic concept of study, experimental design and analysis & interpretation of data,
② Making considerable contribution in changing or improving main parts of indicated details or preparing manuscript,
③ Being able to consent to the details of final manuscript.
Authors are classified as the first author, corresponding author and co-author while the order marked on manuscript shall be in the order of first author and co-author. The corresponding author is marked separately at the bottom. The editor may inquire as to what work each author was in charge of in the study.

3) Abstract
All manuscripts should contain an abstract written in English. If the manuscript is written in English, the Korean abstract should be prepared in the last page of manuscript. In the abstract, English title, name of authors (in the order of first name-last name), affiliation of author and details of abstract while the length of abstract shall be no more than 250 words in English, 400 characters in Korean. The abstract should be written in a form of Objectives, Methods, Results, and Conclusions including the following details.

① Objectives: Describe briefly and clearly with 1-2 sentences on why this study was performed and what is the object to be accomplished. The objective written here must correspond with title of manuscript and details stated in the introduction.

② Methods: Describe specifically on what has been done and how in order to accomplish the objective described in the first paragraph. What materials are collected, how these materials are analyzed and how bias was adjusted are written.

③ Results: The details on how the results observed and analyzed using the method described in previous paragraph were should be logically described while presenting specific data.

④ Conclusions: The result derived from the outcome of this study is described with 1-2 sentences and this must be the one corresponding to the objective of study described in the first paragraph.

The keywords of manuscript should be shown as no more than 6 words at the bottom of abstract. At this time, the keywords must use MeSH (Medical Subject Heading) listed on Index Medicus. When the word is name of acupoint, name of herbal prescription, Korean or Chinese name should be parenthesized.

4) Main Text
In the original article, the main text should be in the order of introduction, subjects or materials and methods, results, discussion, conclusion and reference while each item can be combined or omitted out of necessity. In the introduction, the objective of study and a brief background on this must be mentioned. The method should include materials such as
animals for experiment, methods, experimental devices (state manufacturer and model) and procedure, while they must be described adequately and in detail for other researchers to reproduce in case of being performed using the same method and the statistical analysis of results must be also written. The result should be described in the same order as the order of figures but must not write the table of text or data of figure by repetition while only the important observational results should be emphasized and summarized. The discussion should be prepared based on new and important aspects of study as well as the conclusion from them, but the literary review irrelevant with results should be avoided.

① Terminology: Scientific terminologies should be in Korean if possible and can be written in English or Chinese only in case there is trouble with translating them.

② Abbreviation: Only standard abbreviations are used. Avoid use of abbreviations in title of manuscript and abstract. While using the abbreviation for the first time in the text, mark the abbreviation using parentheses after writing the full name first and can be only marked as abbreviation afterwards. While it is ideal to avoid using abbreviations that are generally used if possible, but the abbreviations of standard measuring unit is an exception.

③ Marking proper nouns, numbers and measurement units: name of people, places and other proper nouns should use original language if possible while the Arabic numbers are used for numbers and metric units are used for weights and measures. The temperature is written in Celsius and blood pressure is written in mmHg. The measurements of hematology and clinical biochemistry should use metric units of SI (International System of Units) method. The measured values and unit indications must be spaced.

④ Name of acupoints: Use the International standard code as a general rule in English expression of the name of acupoints. In case of using an additional name for the acupoint, it is recommended to use the Romanized Korean name and the Chinese pinyin name is also permitted. In both cases, only the first character is capitalized.
[Example] LI4, LI4 (Hapgok), or LI4 (Hoku).

⑤ Name of drugs: Use general name rather than product name as a general rule. But the product name can be used only in case it is important for evaluation of results or tracking study. The herbal prescription should be written by Romanized Korean name first and the Chinese pinyin name should be parenthesized. And words that stand for ingredients such as tang, san or hwan should be indicated by lower case letters after using the hyphen(-).
[Example] Chungpesagan-tang (Qingfeixiegan-tang)
6) Category Classification

The categories of text are classified with below two types.

a. In Korean, the text is classified with Arabic numerals
   [Example] 1, 2, 3, 1), 2), 3), ①, ②, ③

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   [Example] I, II, III, 1, 2, 3, a, b, c

5) Figure and Table

The title of figure and table should be written in English while the same rule applies for legends in the table. The title of table should be capitalized except for prepositions and articles. The table should be prepared without inserting horizontal or vertical lines. A number and brief title should be attached to the table according to the order quoted in the text while the title cannot use abbreviations as a general rule. The explanation on category is inserted to footnote and not inserted to heading. Non-standard abbreviations used in tables are all explained in footnotes. In footnote, symbols are used for explanations and they are used in the following order: *, †, ‡, §, ¶, **, ++, ‡‡.

Table and Figure are placed in order after the text and their location is indicated in the text. The legend is written in English as a general rule, but only the first word is capitalized and the rest is marked with lower case letters. The figure must be submitted with ones that are clearly prepared as professional design, should show arrows indicating the top, name of author and serial number on the back and the title or explanation of all figures should be written at once on a separate page. Tables or figures (including photographs) shall be no more than 10 all together and the exceeding expenses should be paid by the author in avoidable cases. In case the author requests colored figures, the expenses shall be paid by the author.

6) Reference

The authors have responsibility to check whether the bibliography included in the manuscript is quoted precisely and completely. All references are prepared in English as a general rule. But the preparation in Korean can be allowed only in case of old classic literature, book, report and scientific paper without English names in original work quoted. English preparation of reference should be prepared by referring to WHO-IST and WHO international standard for acupuncturing parts published by WHO.

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The reference should be organized by putting serial numbers according to the order quoted in the text, indicate by putting into half-parenthesis as Arabic numeral in a form of superscript number at the end of quoted phrase, but should be written by corresponding with serial number of reference at the end. Six authors can be listed. If more than 6 authors are listed only list 6 names with 'et al.'. English names of author should be written as last name first and the rest should be initialized. And the number of references should be 40 or less in case of original article as a general rule. The style of reference is as follows.

① Original articles: Name of author. title. name of journal. published year ; volume (issue no.) : starting page-ending page.
④ Data of Electronic Media

7. Drafts other than the Original Article

General details shall be according to the Original Article.

1) Reviews Article/Editorial Article
Review articles are considered focusing on a specific title and published by request of the editing committee.

2) Case-report
① The entire report shall be prepared as 10 pages or less on A4 sized paper.
② The composition of the thesis shall be according to the Original Article. The order of text should be A. Introduction; B. Case; C. Consideration; D. Summary; E. Acknowledgements; F. Bibliography; G. Table; H: Figure.
③ English abstract shall be no more than 150 words without classification of category. The key words of the thesis are marked as 2~5 words.
④ Consideration should be focused on specific parts emphasized by the case and lengthy literary consideration should be avoided.
⑤ The number of references should be no more than 20.

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The clinical image is to deliver the details through photographs and their explanation while this has the main purpose of education through photographs in contrast to the creative original article. The manuscript should be prepared within 1/2 page of Letter sized paper while the photo at the bottom of figure should be 4 or less and references should be 5 or less.

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General interest or personal opinions on specific trend of the field related to health should be described, the manuscript should be prepared within 4 pages of Letter sized paper and references should be limited as 5 or less.

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As the part written by getting comment request on specific paper published on the journal, the opinion of society is not reflected. The manuscript should be prepared within 4 pages of Letter sized paper and reference should be limited as 10 or less.

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Request is made related to the topic determined at the editorial board, the manuscript should be prepared within 4 pages of Letter sized paper and reference should be limited as 5 or less.

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Constructive criticism or opinion is described on specific paper published on the journal within 1 year, the manuscript should be prepared within 1 page of Letter sized paper and reference should be limited as 5 or less.