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Author submission checklist

Before submitting your manuscript, please ensure that all the following criteria are met. Manuscripts not complying with these requirements may be returned without review.

1. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- The manuscript fits the scope of the journal (clinical medicine, biomedical research, experimental medicine, public health)
- The study presents original, scientifically sound research
- The manuscript has not been published or submitted elsewhere
- All authors meet authorship criteria (ICMJE)
- The manuscript has been prepared strictly according to the official journal template (formatting, headings, structure, references)

2. TITLE AND ABSTRACT (ICMJE COMPLIANCE)

Title:

- Clear, specific, and reflects the study design
- Includes key variables or population

Abstract (structured – mandatory):

- Introduction and aim
- Material and methods
- Results (with numerical data and statistical significance)
- Conclusions (consistent with results)
- No undefined abbreviations
- Word limit respected (200 words)

3. INTRODUCTION

- Clearly identifies a knowledge gap and states the novelty of the study (what new knowledge this study adds compared to existing literature)
- Includes up-to-date references
- Ends with a clear aim and/or hypothesis

4. METHODS (REPRODUCIBILITY – CRITICAL)

- Study design clearly described (e.g., RCT, cross-sectional, cohort)
- Study population defined:
 - inclusion criteria
 - exclusion criteria
- Sample size justified (recommended: power analysis or rationale)
- Detailed methodology:
 - laboratory methods (manufacturer, catalog numbers)
 - clinical procedures
 - questionnaires/tools (validated?)
- Statistical analysis:
 - tests used
 - significance level (e.g., $p < 0.05$)
 - software specified
- Ethical approval:
 - name of committee
 - approval number
- Informed consent obtained (if applicable)

5. REPORTING GUIDELINES (MANDATORY)

- Appropriate guideline followed:
 - CONSORT (RCT)
 - STROBE (observational studies)
 - PRISMA (systematic reviews)
 - CARE (case reports)
- Checklist uploaded as supplementary file
- Flow diagram included (if required, e.g., PRISMA)

6. RESULTS

- Results presented logically and clearly
- No duplication of data (text \neq tables or figures)
- Appropriate statistical reporting
- Units and significant figures consistent

7. DISCUSSION

- Results interpreted in context of current literature
- Strengths and limitations discussed
- No overinterpretation or unsupported claims
- Study limitations clearly acknowledged and discussed

8. CONCLUSIONS

- Directly supported by results
- No overgeneralization
- No causal claims (unless justified by study design)

9. FIGURES AND TABLES

- Each figure/table adds value (no redundancy)
- Figures and tables are placed in appropriate locations within the text (close to where they are first referenced)
- Proper titles and legends included
- Abbreviations explained
- High quality and readable

10. REFERENCES

- Formatted according to AMA style
- Consistent formatting throughout
- DOI included where available
- Recent and relevant literature used

11. LANGUAGE AND STYLE

- Manuscript written in clear, professional English
- Grammar and spelling checked
- Logical flow and readability ensured
(Recommended: professional language editing)

12. ETHICS AND TRANSPARENCY

- Conflict of Interest statement included
- Funding sources disclosed
- Data availability statement included
- Author contributions statement included (according to ICMJE recommendations)

13. FINAL DECLARATION

- All checklist items have been verified
- Manuscript complies with journal requirements
- All necessary files uploaded (manuscript with title page, tables and figures, supplementary files)

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Failure to meet these criteria may result in:

- desk rejection
- request for resubmission before peer review