

Instructions for Authors

Journal of Cancer Molecules publishes peer-reviewed reviews and research articles focusing on advanced cancer research at molecular levels. Research areas covered in the *Journal* include: cancer genomics and proteomics, tumor markers and clinical molecular correlates, molecular carcinogenesis, structures of cancer-related molecules, development of therapeutic molecules, and molecular pharmacology. Specially, the *Journal* encourages the reports of clinical therapies against molecular targets.

The *Journal* provides fair evaluations for submitted manuscripts. A two-blind peer-review system is adopted so as that the expert reviewers do not know the names and affiliations of the authors during the whole evaluating process. A submitted manuscript is pre-screened by an anonymous Editor to determine if it is prior to be further reviewed. Once the manuscript passes the pre-screen, it is sent out to at least two anonymous reviewers. The reviewers are requested to be as critical as possible to provide constructive comments for the authors to improve the manuscript.

Types of Manuscripts. The review articles should not only present a comprehensive review of the literature, but also include model proposals or creative speculations of the authors to stimulate innovative ideas for future researches. The authors should provide an abstract of 250 or fewer words, 3-5 keywords, and a running title including less than 80 characters. The text of the reviews should not exceed 5,000 words, but the numbers of figures and references are not limited if they are necessary.

In preparation of research articles, the maximum length of manuscripts is usually 5,500 words. It is strongly suggested that the total number of figures and tables should not exceed 9 and the number of references should not exceed 60 for each research article. The authors should provide an abstract of 250 or fewer words, 3-5 keywords, and a running title including less than 80 characters. The abstract of research articles needs to be organized under the following headings: AIM, METHODS, RESULTS, and CONCLUSION. Sections comprising the manuscript should be in the order of title page, abstract, keywords, introduction, materials and methods, results, discussion, acknowledgment, references, tables, figures, and figure legends.

Statements or opinions published in *Journal of Cancer Molecules* reflect the views of the authors but not of the Publisher. Authors are responsible for all statements in their work, and thus should carefully prepare their manuscripts.

Cover Letter. A covering letter is required to state that the content of submitted manuscript has not been published or considered for publication elsewhere. All of authors must have contributed the work and agree to the content of the manuscript submitted for publication.

Title Page. The title page should include a concise and descriptive title, the full name(s) of the author(s), the affiliation of each author, a suggested running title including less than 80 characters, and the name and address of the corresponding author (including e-mail address and fax number). Because the *Journal* adopts a two-blind review process, the authors should prepare one additional anonymous title page. In addition, the authors should provide a list of abbreviations and their definition on both title pages.

Abbreviations. Abbreviations should not be present in the title of manuscript. They can be used in the running title and text of manuscript. All abbreviations must be explained at first mention unless the term is better known as an abbreviation. For example, the following measure units and common abbreviations can be used without explanation:

Examples of measure units			
A	Ampere	m	meter
Å	Angstrom	min	minute
Ci	Curie	mM	millimolar
g	gram	mol	Mole
h	hour	μM	micromolar
K	Kelvin	sec	second
M	molar	V	Volt
Examples of common abbreviations			
ATP	adenosine 5'-triphosphate		
cAMP	adenosine 3',5'-monophosphate		

cDNA	complementary DNA
CMV	cytomegalovirus
EDTA	ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid
EGTA	ethyleneglycotetraacetic acid
PBS	phosphate-buffered saline
RT-PCR	reverse transcription - polymerase chain reaction
SD	standard deviation
SDS-PAGE	sodium dodecyl sulfate - polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis
SEM	standard error of the mean
Tris	tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane
UV	ultraviolet

References. Only printed or accepted papers can be cited as references. They should be numbered in the order of their first mention in the text. The reference list should include: names and initials of all authors, full title of the article, journal title abbreviated according to Medline, volume number and page span, and year. For references cited from books, the order of the list should be: names and initials of all authors, full title of the article, names and initials of the editors, the book title, edition, place of publication, publisher, year, and page span. For example:

- Riedl SJ, Shi Y. Molecular mechanisms of caspase regulation during apoptosis. *Nat Rev Mol Cell Biol* 5: 897-907, 2004.
- Binz PA. Mass spectrometry in proteomics. In: Grandi G, ed. *Genomics, proteomics and vaccines*. West Sussex: John Wiley & Sons 2004: 135-169.

Tables and Illustrations. All tables and illustrations should be numbered and referred to in the text. Each table must have a descriptive title and if appropriate, units of numerical measurements should be included in the column heading. Explanatory footnotes should be indicated by superscript lowercase letters and typed below the tables. Illustrations should be sized to approximate column width of the journal, i.e. 3.23 inches for one column and 6.86 inches for two columns. In preparing illustrations, the lines, symbols, abscissas, and ordinates should be large enough to allow for reduction if necessary. Color figures are encouraged, and no additional charge will be billed regardless of how many color figures present in the paper.

Ethics in Animal and Patient Researches. Submitted manuscripts using experimental animals must state in the Materials and Methods section that all procedures were performed in accordance with national or institutional animal committee's guidelines for animal care. Investigations using human subjects must state in the Materials and Methods section that all researches must adhere to the tenets of the Declaration of Helsinki promulgated in 1964 (as revised in Edinburgh 2000, available at the webpage www.wma.net/e/policy/b3.htm). Human specimens or biopsies can be used only after informed consent is obtained. Patient anonymity should be preserved.

Manuscript Submission. Authors are requested to submit their manuscripts via the EditorialManager™ online submission, reviewing, and trafficking system (<https://www.editorialmanager.com/jocm/>). Authors who are unable to submit online should mail the manuscripts plus electronic files to Dr. Tze-Sing Huang, Managing Editor of *Journal of Cancer Molecules*, National Cancer Research Institute, NHRI, 7F, No. 161, Min-Chuan East Road Section 6, Taipei 114, Taiwan.

Copyright Transfer. A statement transferring copyright from the authors or their employers to MedUnion Press will be required before the manuscript can be accepted for publication. The form can be downloaded from "<http://www.mupnet.com/JOCM%20Copyright%20Transfer.pdf>". No information in accepted manuscripts can be reported by any print or electronic media until the Journal's issue date.

Page Charge and Reprint Order. No page charge is required. A minimum of 100 reprints will be available to authors, and the order form with the current price schedule can be downloaded from the website "<http://www.mupnet.com/JOCM%20Page%20Charge%20&%20Reprint%20Order.pdf>".