

Introduction for authors

Types of article

All works related to basic or clinical prosthodontics, temporomandibular joints or masticatory function, dental implants, and technical science of dental prosthodontics are the objects of publication. There are five types of accepted manuscripts, please indicate the type of manuscript.

- Review article
- Original article
- Technical report
- Case report
- Letters to the Editor

General Format guide

- Articles must not have been published or will be accepted for publication in other journals.
- Please write your text in good English (American or British usage is accepted, but not a mixture of these) , and the content of the article is typed in double spacing, with font size 12 and above, with at least 2.5 cm margin on each side, and without any formatting.
- The total number of pages of the full text (including abstract, figures, tables, and references) is limited to eight pages, and can be extended to twelve pages if necessary.
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Review Articles Format Guide

These should aim to provide the reader with a balanced overview of an important and topical issue in prosthodontic field. They should cover aspects of a topic in which scientific consensus exists as well as aspects that remain controversial and are the subject of ongoing scientific research. All articles or data sources should be selected systematically for inclusion in the review and critically evaluated.

- Abstract: required, up to 400 words, unstructured (i.e., no subheadings)
- Keywords: up to 10
- Word limit: 3500 words
- References: up to 100
- Tables/Figures: 1 maximum

Original Articles Format Guide

Section headings should be: Abstract, Introduction, Materials and methods, Results, Discussion, Conclusion Conflicts of Interest Statement, Acknowledgments (if any), and References.

- (1) **The Introduction** should provide a brief background to the subject of the paper, explain the importance of the study, and state a precise study question or purpose.
- (2) **The Materials and methods** section should describe the study design and methods (including the study setting and dates, patients/participants with inclusion and exclusion criteria, patient samples or animal specimens used, the essential features of any interventions, the main outcome measures, the laboratory methods followed, or data sources and how these were selected for the study), and state the statistical procedures employed in the research.
- (3) **The Results** section should comprise the study results presented in a logical sequence, supplemented by tables and/or figures. Take care that the text does not repeat data that are presented in tables and/or figures. Only emphasize and summarize the essential features of the main outcome measures, and the main results.
- (4) **The Discussion** section should be used to emphasize the new and important aspects of the study, placing the results in context with published literature, the implications of the findings.
- (5) The conclusion that follows from the study results.
 - Abstract: required, up to 400 words
 - Keywords: up to 10
 - Word limit: 3000 words
 - References: up to 40

Technique Reports/ Case Reports Format Guide

These are short discussions of a case / case series/ technique report with unique features not previously described that make an important teaching point or scientific observation. They may describe novel techniques or use of equipment, or new information on diseases of importance. Section headings should be: Abstract, Introduction, Case Report, Discussion, Conflicts of Interest Statement (if any), Acknowledgments (if any), and References.

Case reports should have no more than 6 authors. The maximum length is 2000 words, and the number of references should not exceed 10.

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Brief letters of constructive comments in response to previously published JDS articles are welcome. Ensure that the corresponding author's mailing and e-mail addresses are included. Letters are edited, sometimes extensively, to sharpen their focus. They may be sent for peer review at the discretion of JDS Editors. Letters are selected based on clarity, significance, and space.

- Author: up to 3
- Word limit: 250 words
- Tables/Figures: 1 maximum

Manuscript Preparation

Text should be typed double-spaced on one side of white A4 (297 × 210 mm) paper, with outer margins of 2.5 cm. A manuscript should include a title page, abstract, text, references, conflicts of interest statement (if any), acknowledgments (if any), and figures and tables as appropriate. Each section of the manuscript should begin on a new page. Pages should be numbered consecutively, beginning with the title page.

The detailed specifications of the manuscript content are as follows:

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The title page should contain the following information (in order, from the top to bottom of the page): article category article title names (spelled out in full) of all authors*, and the institutions with which they are affiliated†; indicate all affiliations with a superscripted lowercase letter after the author's name and in front of the matching affiliation corresponding author details (name, e-mail, mailing address, telephone and fax numbers). A running title must be within 40 characters. Please provide the detailed information of the corresponding author (name and address in English, telephone and fax numbers, email address).

► Abstract and keywords

An abstract (no longer than 400 words) and relevant keywords (limited to 5) are required.

- (1) Abstracts for **Review Articles, Case Reports and Technique report** should be *unstructured (in one single paragraph with no section headings)*, and include information on the background/purpose of the report, methods, results (or case report), and conclusions.
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► Main Text

- (1) **Review article:** Review articles should be unstructured (no fixed format).
- (2) **Original article:** The text for original articles should be organized into the following sections: introduction, materials and methods, results, discussion, and conclusion.
 - Introduction: Briefly explain the origin of the research.
 - Materials and methods: Describe the research design, objects, and procedures.
 - Results: The results are expressed in words, tables or illustrations.
 - Discussion: Emphasize important results and arguments, and compare with previous studies.
 - Conclusion: The conclusion should be concise and clear.
 - Conflicts of interest statement
 - Acknowledgments (if any)
 - References

(3) **Technical report**

Sections for technical reports are Introduction, Methods, and Discussion, Conflicts of interest statement (if any), Acknowledgments (if any), and References. Each section should begin on a new page.

(4) **Case report**

Sections for case reports are Introduction, Case description, and Discussion, Conflicts of interest statement (if any), Acknowledgments (if any), and References. Each section should begin on a new page.

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Where a term/definition will be continually referred to, it must be written in full when it first appears in the text, followed by the subsequent abbreviation in parentheses. Thereafter, the abbreviation may be used. An abbreviation should not be first defined in any section heading; if an abbreviation has previously been defined in the text, then the abbreviation may be used in a subsequent section heading. Restrict the number of abbreviations to those that are absolutely necessary and ensure consistency of abbreviations throughout the article. Ensure that an abbreviation so defined does actually appear later in the text (excluding in figures/tables), otherwise, it should be deleted.

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Examples of the common reference types are provided below.

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- **Book with edition:** McDonald RE, Avery DR. Dentistry for child and adolescent. 6th ed., Mosby Co., St. Louis, 1994; pp339-41.
- **Book chapter in book with editor and edition:** Moore BK, Avery DR. Dental materials. In: McDonald RE, Avery DR. Dentistry for child and adolescent. 6th ed., Mosby Co., St. Louis, 1994; pp349-72.
- **Electronic publications:** Yavuz MS, Aras MH, üyükurt MC, Tozoglu S. Impacted mandibular canines. J Contemp Dent Pract 2007;8(7):78- 85. Available at: <http://www.thejedp.com/issue036/index.htm>. Accessed November 20, 2007.

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