

## Instructions for authors

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# Scope

JIEPH publishes original research, reviews, and short reports in all areas of public health, with a specific focus on interventional field epidemiology. We welcome meta-analyses, novel hypotheses and approaches. JIEPH also publishes special issues (supplements) on public health-related issues and events.

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## Article Categories

JIEPH publishes the following categories of articles in regular and special issues (supplements). More details are provided in the respective sections

1. Original Research / Full research article
2. Outbreak Investigation
3. Protocols
4. Systematic reviews and Meta-analysis
5. Letter to the Editor
6. Commentaries
7. Perspective
8. Scoping or narrative reviews
9. Lesson from the field
10. Short Article / Communication
11. Briefs
12. Opinion
13. Editorial

- 14. Meeting Report
- 15. Conference Proceedings

## **Manuscript Preparation**

### **Formatting**

- Font: Use Calisto MT or Times New Roman, size 10, double-spaced, with a single-column layout.
- Language: Manuscripts must be in English (or French for special issues). Proofread thoroughly for grammar and clarity.
- Abbreviations: Define all abbreviations on first use and list non-standard abbreviations in a separate section at the end.

### **Title Page**

The manuscript title page should include:

- Full title ( $\leq 20$  words) indicating study type or location, if applicable.
- Short title ( $\leq 10$  words).
- Names and affiliations of all authors
- The names should be in the format: *First Name Middle Name Last Name*,
- The affiliations should include *Department, Institution, City, and Country*.
- Corresponding author and the corresponding author's contact information.
- Abstract
  - Abstracts must be concise (structured or unstructured,  $\leq 350$  words depending on article type)
  - Structured format: Introduction, Methods, Results, and Conclusion.
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- Keywords (3–5).
- Word count for the abstract and main text (excluding references and tables).

### **Main Manuscript without author details as a separate document**

Manuscripts should follow this structure:

1. Introduction: Context, problem statement, and study objectives.
2. Methods: Study design, data collection, and analysis. Use subheadings as needed.
3. Results: Key findings with tables/figures referenced in the text.
4. Discussion: Interpretation of results, comparison with previous work, and study limitations.
5. Conclusion: Summary of key findings and implications.
6. Acknowledgements: Contributions from non-authors, funding sources, and ethical approvals.
7. Competing Interests: Declare any conflicts of interest (or state “none declared”).
8. Author contribution
9. Funding information
10. What is already known about the topic (3 – 5 bullet sentences)
11. What this topic adds (3 – 5 bullet sentences)

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- iii. The manuscript is out of scope for JIEPH's focus.
- iv. The manuscript does not identify evidence gaps which show the need for work in the area.
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- ix. The manuscript is incorrectly structured.
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1. *Kleinert S & Wager E (2011) Responsible research publication: international standards for editors. A position statement developed at the 2nd World Conference on Research Integrity, Singapore, July 22-24, 2010. Chapter 51 in: Mayer T & Steneck N (eds) Promoting Research Integrity in a Global Environment. Imperial College Press / World Scientific Publishing, Singapore (pp 317-28). (ISBN 978-981-4340-97-7)*

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- Table titles (max 15 words) should be included above the table, and legends (max 300 words) should be included underneath the table.

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- Manuscript with references as a Microsoft Word document without the author details, no line numbers
- Figures, photos and Tables are placed after the references in the body of the manuscript
- Figures and photos are also uploaded as separate files in JPEG or PNG file format
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- A point-by-point response to the reviewers' comments (name responses to reviewers' comments)
- Figures and photos if there are changes during a revision

## Tabular Summary

Article type	Description	Required sections	Word limit	Abstract type	Abstract word limit	References	Figures and tables
Research	Original Research	Abstract, Introduction/Background, Methods, Results, Discussion, Conclusion, Acknowledgments, Competing Interest, Authors' contributions, What is already known on this topic?, What this study adds, Tables and Figures, References	3500 (excluding abstract, references, legends, tables and figures)	Structured	350	Maximum of 50	Up to 4 tables and/or figures
Outbreak Investigation report	Report of recently conducted outbreak response	Same format as research article	A maximum of 2,500 words in the main text (i.e. excluding abstract,	Structured	350	Maximum of 20	Up to 4 tables and/or figures

Article type	Description	Required sections	Word limit	Abstract type	Abstract word limit	References	Figures and tables
			references and legends)				
Review	Analysis of existing literature	Abstract, Introduction, Methods, Current status of knowledge, Conclusion, What is already known on this topic?, What this study adds, Competing interests, Authors' Contributions, Acknowledgments, Tables and figures, References	A maximum of 5,000 words in the main text (i.e. excluding abstract, references and legends)	Unstructured	350	Maximum of 100	Up to 5 tables and/or figures
Letter to the Editor	A brief comment on the findings of articles	Abstract, To the editors of the Journal of Interventional Epidemiology and Public Health,	A maximum of 800 words in the main text	UNSTRUCTURED	250	Maximum of 10	No more than 1 table

Article type	Description	Required sections	Word limit	Abstract type	Abstract word limit	References	Figures and tables
	published in JIEPH or any other notable public health advances	Conclusion, Competing Interests, Authors' Contributions, Acknowledgments, Tables and figures, References	(i.e. excluding abstract, references and acknowledgments)				and/or 1 figure
Commentary	A response to the findings of an article published in JIEPH	Commentary, Tables and figures, Competing Interests, References	2,500 words in the main text	N/A	120	Maximum of 10	Up to 2 tables and/or figures
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