

Zdravniški vestnik (Slovene Medical Journal) - Special issue on Neuroscience

Zdravniški vestnik - Slovene Medical Journal is the professional journal of Slovene medicine, and is published by the Slovenian Medical Association. Its first issue was published on January 24th 1929 and the journal has seen a number of changes since. It is published in the current form since 1992 in editions of 4200 copies of 14 numbers totaling 890 pages within a year. It is regularly indexed and/or abstracted by Biological Abstracts, Biomedicina Slovenica, BIOSIS and Medlars.

In conjunction with SiNAPSA Neuroscience conference '07 and in collaboration with SiNAPSA a special issue of Slovene Medical Journal on Neuroscience will be published. The aim of the issue is to present current topics in neuroscience both in the form of short review papers as well as original research reports. The key contributors to the issue will be invited lecturers as well as other active participants at the SiNAPSA Neuroscience conference '07.

Guide for authors

Types of papers

a) Short reviews: Rather than exhaustive reviews, these are short articles (3000-5000 words in length), that are intended to draw attention to developments in a specific area of research, to bring together observations that seem to point the field in a new direction, to give the author's personal views on a controversial topic, or to direct soundly based criticism at some widely held dogma or widely used technique in neuroscience. A review may also provide a historical perspective on an area of neuroscience research. Reviews should contain an outline of the contents, including an abstract (< 300 words), and a list of relevant articles. Reviews will only be accepted for editorial processing when pre-approved for submission (submitted upon invitation). The authors are requested to submit the papers by October 1st.

b) Original research reports: These are short communications (3000-7000 words in length) that describe original research discoveries. Papers should contain an abstract (< 300 words), introduction, methods, results, discussion and list of literature. Unless invited by guest editors, to be considered for publication, participants need to mark their conference abstract to be considered for publication when submitting them (<http://www.sinapsa.org/S07/Abstract.php>). The deadline for abstract submission is August 15th. Abstracts will be first reviewed by Guest editors of the special issue and an initial decision will be made whether the paper warrants further processing. Authors of abstract accepted for peer-review will be notified by e-mail and invited to submit their papers by October 1st.

General guidelines

Only original articles presenting not previously reported findings will be accepted for publication as original research reports. If the article contains some previously reported content(s), the original articles should be cited.

When reporting on experiments on human subjects, procedures ensuring adherence to ethical standards have to be reported. When reporting experiments on animals, adherence to appropriate guidelines for ethical care and use of laboratory animals have to be noted.

All the papers have to be written in English. Manuscripts should include only units of measurements in accordance with the International System of Units (SI).

Cover Letter

Submitted manuscripts should be accompanied by a cover letter that includes:

- 1) A statement that the manuscript has not been submitted for publication elsewhere;
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- 3) Appropriate Ethics Office (for use of human or animal subjects in research) approval date;
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- 5) Written statement of possible financial or material support from the pharmaceutical industry or medical equipment manufacturer;
- 6) Information on relationships that might lead to a conflict of interest;

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Title page should include:

- a) A concise but informative title. If longer than 90 characters, additional shorter version of the running title should be added.

- b) Authors' names and surnames with their full academic degree(s) and institutional affiliation. Corresponding author should be identified and full contact address should be supplied.
- c) 5 keywords defining the article content not included in the title
- d) Source(s) of support in the form of grants, equipment, drugs including contract/agreement number(s).

Abstract

Second page should carry a structured abstract (up to 300 words) and should include the following headings and data: Background, Methods, Results, Conclusions. Structure for short reviews should be adjusted accordingly.

Manuscript

The body of manuscript should be thoughtfully and clearly divided into chapters and sub-chapters. The text of the manuscript should be written in Times New Roman font, size 12pt with double spaced lines. Text should be formatted for A4 size paper with at least 30 mm wide margins. Pages should be numbered. Tables, figure legends and abbreviation list with explanations should be written on separate sheets.

Tables and Figures

Tables and figures should be prepared on separate sheets. Tables should be numbered and provided a brief title. Any explanations including all nonstandard abbreviations should be provided in the footnote.

Figures should be numbered, their titles and detailed explanations should be provided in the legend on a separate page. Photomicrographs should include internal scale markers shown in appropriate contrast with the background.

If data or figures are from another published or unpublished source, permissions for publication have to be obtained, submitted and acknowledged fully.

Literature

References in text, tables and legends should be identified in parentheses by Arabic numerals. References should be numbered consecutively in the order in which they are first mentioned in the text. Literature should be cited at the end of the article in the same order. Only first 6 authors should be listed in full, the rest should be replaced with "et al." Journal titles should be abbreviated (refer to <http://www.nlm.nih.gov>).

Avoid citing abstracts and personal communication unless it provides essential information. References to papers accepted but not yet published should be designated as "in press". For these written permission by the authors as well as verification of acceptance is required.

References

Standard journal article:

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Book:

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Submission

All manuscript should be submitted electronically using the online submission form. Web address, username and password will be provided to authors along with notification of acceptance of abstract for submission. The manuscript should be submitted as word, rtf or txt formatted file. Figures should be submitted as separate files in any of the standard graphical formats (pdf, png, tiff, jpeg). All the files should be submitted as a single zip archive.

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