

# Instructions to authors

International Journal for Vitamin and Nutrition Research

## General

The International Journal for Vitamin and Nutrition Research publishes papers in the field of nutrition research that contain new and significant information of general interest. The primary focus of the journal is *vitamins, minerals, trace elements, and minor plant components*. Papers related to basic and clinical nutrition, nutritional epidemiology, diet and health, nutrition in prevention and therapy, dietetics, interaction of foodstuffs, nutritional pharmacology, analytic methods in nutrition, as well as on behavioral and psychological aspects and diet and nutrition will be considered. *Reviews, Meta-Analyses, Abstracts of meetings and Articles on nutritional recommendations and guidelines* are also encouraged, as are *Letters to the Editor* and *News and Views* articles (see below for further information).

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## Original Communications

These full-length papers are the normal form of publication. In general, the overall length of original communications **should not exceed 7 500 words**.

The text should be arranged in the following order:

### 1. The First Page – Title Page

Should contain a concise but informative title, typically **not exceeding 110 characters**. The use of **abbreviations should be avoided**. The authors' names should appear below the title with the first or middle name of each author spelled out in full. Next, the address of the laboratory (or laboratories) where the work was carried out (in the language of the country or in English) should be given together with the fax number of the institution and the e-mail address of the corresponding author. If the work was carried out in more than one laboratory, the names of the authors should be followed by superscript numbers, which should precede the names of the corresponding laboratories. The full postal address of the corresponding author including telephone, fax and e-mail must be given. A **running title not exceeding 60 letters** and spaces should be included.

### 2. The Abstract

**Must not exceed 250 words** and should be intelligible without reference to other parts of the paper. Specialized terms and abbreviations should be avoided. The abstract should give both a qualitative but also a quantitative summary of the work, including **number of replicates or animal/human subjects** involved, and major results (**numbers and p-values**), followed by a more general conclusion.

### 3. Introduction

The purpose of the work in relation to other research in the field should be briefly but clearly stated (research hypothesis must become clear), avoiding thereby an extensive review of the literature (**typically less than 2.5 pages** in length).

### 4. “Materials and methods” or “Subjects and methods”

This section should be brief but include enough information to permit repetition of the work. Origin of important materials and chemicals should be clearly stated (i.e. supplier with location). In order to abbreviate lengthy methods, **earlier references clearly describing the method** can be cited. This section must include a **description of data treatment/statistics**.

## 5. Results

Results may also be presented in tables or figures and especially **figures are encouraged to enhance reader-friendliness**, but many simple findings can be mentioned directly in the text. Results should be presented separately from the discussion. Reporting results in the text that are presented in figures/tables should be avoided.

*Tables:* Must carry a title and should be **included on separate sheets following the reference section** of the main manuscript, and be intelligible without reference to the text – abbreviations, and detailed explanations (e.g. number of replicates, statistical interpretation) should be moved to the footnotes.

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Important note: **The sum of the number of figures and tables should not exceed 7** in one article.

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The **discussion should be separate from the results**. It should not consist of a recapitulation of the results but deal with their interpretation. Excessive speculation should be avoided. Relevant literature should be cited. **Strengths and weaknesses** of the research should be briefly stated toward the end of the discussion. A brief summary or conclusive paragraph or sentence should finalize this chapter.

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Should also contain a brief explanation on the role of each author and how they contributed to the work. In addition, relevant (financial) support should be given in detail.

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Conflicts of interest should be stated exactly. If there are no conflicts, this should also be mentioned, e.g. "The authors declare that there are no conflicts of interest".

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### *Journals*

- Garner PW. Emotional competence and its influences on teaching. *Educ Psychol Rev.* 2010;22:297–321.
- Hinnant JB, Nelson JA, O'Brien M, Keane SP, Calkins SD, Cribbie R, et al. The interactive roles of parenting, emotion regulation and executive functioning in moral reasoning during middle childhood. *Cogn Emot.* 2013;27(8):1460–8. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02699931.2013.7897922013>

### *Books*

- Jones AC. Book title. 11th ed. Philadelphia, PA: Elsevier Saunders; 1990.
- LeDoux, JE. The emotional brain. New York: Simon and Schuster; 1996.

### *Articles in books*

- Eccles JS, Adler TF, Fatterman R, Goff SB, Kaczala CM, Meece JL, et al. Expectancies, values, and academic behaviors. In: Spence JT, editor. *Achievement and achievement motives*. San Francisco: Freeman; 1983. 75–146.

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