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Type of articles	Abstract (word)	Text (word) ^a	References	Tables & Figures
Original articles	Structured, 300	3,000	30	10
Systematic reviews and meta-analyses	Structured, 300	5,000	No limit	15
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Case reports	150	1,500	10	10
Editorials	Not required	1,500	7	0
Letters to the editor	Not required	500	5	0

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Case reports shall cover states of diseases that have not been previously reported or have been rarely seen; those that have been already reported but are distinctively different from the previous reports can also be published in this journal. The manuscript should not exceed 1,500 words, not counting the cover, tables, figures, and references, with 10 or fewer reference works. Its abstract, unlike those for original articles, shall have only one paragraph within 150 words. Case reports should be organized in the following order: (1) title page; (2) abstract and keywords; (3) introduction; (4) case report(s); (5) discussion; (6) references; (7) tables; (8) figures and photos; and (9) legends.

The keywords should be in accordance with those for original articles. The introduction shall briefly describe general backgrounds and significances related to the relevant case, without using a title "Introduction." Its discussion shall focus on what the case report emphasizes, and the conclusion shall be summarized at the end without establishing a separate section for the conclusion.

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FORMAT

1. Title Page

The title page should contain the following information: (1) title, which should be concise but informative; (2) all authors' names (first name, middle name or initial, and surname), affiliation, city, country; (3) running title, not exceeding 50 characters; (4) word count of text (not including the abstract), word count of abstract; (5) corresponding author's name, ORCID (Open Researcher and Contributor ID), affiliation, address, city, postcode, country, e-mail, Tel and Fax number; (6) funding information, acknowledgments, and disclosures; (7) author contribution statement; (8) all authors' ORCIDs; and (9) ethics statement.

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3. Introduction

A brief background, references to the most pertinent papers general enough to inform readers, and the relevant findings of others should be included. The specific question that the authors' particular investigation studied should also be stated.

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- **Ethics Statement:**

- **Example for clinical study**

- The present study protocol was reviewed and approved by the Institutional Review Board of ### National University College of Medicine (approval No. 2023001). Informed consent was obtained by all subjects when they were enrolled.

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- Agarwal A, Cannarella R, Saleh R, Boitrelle F, Gül M, Toprak T, et al. Impact of varicocele repair on semen parameters in infertile men: a systematic review and meta-analysis. *World J Mens Health* 2023;41:289-310.
- Kang B, Noh M, Park HJ. Compliance with testosterone replacement therapy in patients with testosterone deficiency syndrome: a 10-year observational study in Korea. *World J Mens Health* 2022;40:686-92.

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- World Health Organization (WHO). WHO laboratory manual for the examination and processing of human semen. 6th ed. WHO; 2021;147-82.

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- Chu KY, Tradewell MB. Artificial intelligence in urology. In: Lidströmer N, Ashraffian H, editors. Artificial intelligence in medicine. Springer; 2021;132-67.

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- Society for Assisted Reproductive Technology. Final National Summary Report for 2019 [Internet]. SART; c2019 [cited 2022 Sep 10]. Available from: https://www.sartcorsonline.com/rptCSR_PublicMultYear.aspx

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