

# Guidance to Authors



The Editors welcome articles on diabetes, and the management of diabetic diseases, from all health professionals, medical and non-medical. The philosophy of the journal is to reflect as much as possible the multi-disciplinary nature of diabetic care.

*The African Journal of Diabetes Medicine* seeks to fulfil a role in continuing medical education and, therefore, welcomes in particular review articles which provide practical updates on the management of diabetic patients. Original research studies will constitute an important minority of the articles published. In assessing the suitability of research papers for publication, the Editors will favour those contributions which will provide readers with information of practical use in their day-to-day practice.

Advice and assistance will, wherever possible, be provided to potential authors on the scope of their research or method of presenting papers.

## **Manuscripts**

### Review articles

These are particularly welcome as we receive relatively few. They can be on any aspect of diabetes, though preferably of general interest to our readers. Review articles do not need an abstract, and should be about 1500–2500 words long. Figures and tables etc are welcome.

### Original articles

These should be research-based articles, divided in a standard way into abstract, introduction, methods, results and discussion. In length they should be no more than 2000 words with no more than three tables or figures, and 30 references.

### Short reports/case reports

These should be up to 800 words long, have one table or figure only, and up to 10 references. The sub-divisions of the report should be the same as for original articles, but the abstract should be very brief – usually two or three sentences.

### Letters, news and notes, editorials etc.

We welcome news items, conference reports, letters to the editor etc. We normally write editorials 'in house', but if you think you have a useful editorial to offer, we'd be glad to see it.

### Illustrations

Photographs are welcome but must be of good quality. Use can be made of colour transparencies, or black-and-white or colour prints. However, they will normally be reproduced in black and white only. If possible, line drawings should be supplied of a professionally drawn standard from which the publishers can reproduce directly.

However, if necessary, the publishers can draw illustrations from clear sketches supplied by the author. If the publishers are to draw graphs, bar charts etc., the full data on which they are based must also be supplied. (From a sketch only, it is impossible to determine accurately the coordinates of points on a graph.) Figures must be clearly identified on the back.

### General guidance

Ideally we prefer articles sent by e-mail – to our Cambridge office (editor@fsg.co.uk) – as a Word attachment (saved as a text-only document please). However, this should be in addition to hard copy, as some files do not convert successfully from one computer to another. If this is not possible then a typed or legible hand-written report is acceptable (in double spacing please).

For all contributions referencing should be numerical and in the Vancouver style.

Please note that all articles submitted to *The African Journal of Diabetes Medicine* are deemed to have been offered exclusively to the journal, unless otherwise stated. Copyright in papers published will be vested in the publishers. The Editors reserve the right to shorten or to make other alterations to articles at their discretion.