

Instructions to authors



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The KMJ publishes editorials, review articles, original articles, and case reports. All manuscripts should be creative, informative, and helpful for the diagnosis and treatment of medical diseases and the communication of valuable information about all fields of medicine, medical science, medical ethics, medical policy, and medical education.

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The present study protocol was reviewed and approved by the Institutional Review Board of xxx XXXXXX of the University College of Medicine (approval No. 2018001). Informed consent was submitted by all subjects when they were enrolled.

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This was a randomized clinical trial at the second phase, registered at the Clinical Research Information Service (CRIS, <http://cris.nih.go.kr>), number KCT0002018.

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Kim TS, Kang SH, Kang PM, Ha H, Kim SD, Yoon J, et al. Clinical significance of serum neutrophil gelatinase-associated lipocalin in the early diagnosis of renal function deterioration after radical nephrectomy. *Kosin Med J* 2018;33:20-8.

Verbalis JG. Renal physiology of nocturia. *Neurourol Urodyn* 2014;33(Suppl 1):S6-9.

2. Book

Hong GD, Kim C, Park J. KMJ reference style: a guide for authors. 5th ed. Daehakro Press; 2017.

3. Chapter in a book

Floch MH. Probiotics, probiotics and dietary fiber. In: Buchman A, editor. Clinical nutrition: a guide for gastroenterologists. SLAK Incorporated; 2005. p. 18-24.

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Morrow GR, Ryan JL, Kohli S. Modafinil for persistent post-treatment fatigue: an open label study of 82 women with breast cancer. MASCC international symposia 2006, Abstract 11-070.

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Testa J. The Thomson Reuters journal selection process [Internet]. Thomson Reuters; c2012 [cited 2013 Sep 30]. <http://wokinfo.com/essays/journal-selection-process>

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Authors can submit supplementary materials for online-only publication when there is insufficient space to include the materials in the main article. Supplementary materials should be original and important to the understanding and interpretation of the report. As supplementary materials will not be edited or formatted after publication, authors are responsible for the accuracy and presentation of this material.

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6,000 words, with a maximum of 100 references, excluding tables or figure legends.

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Case reports will be published only in exceptional circumstances, if they illustrate a rare occurrence of clinical importance. The manuscript should be in the following sequence: title page, abstract (no more than 250 words) and three to five keywords (as in MeSH), introduction, case(s), discussion, acknowledgments, references (no more than 20), tables, and figure legends. The manuscript should have no more than six tables or figures in total. For case reports involving humans, whether informed consent for publication of clinical data was obtained from the study participants must be stated in the case description section.

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Table 1. Specifications for publication types

Type of article	Original article	Review article	Case report	Editorial
Abstract (words)	250	250	250	NR
Text (words) ^{a)}	NL	6,000	1,500	1,000
References	40 ^{b)}	100	20	20
Tables and Figures	NL	NL	6	3

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