

## PAIN RESEARCH Instruction for Authors (Brief version)

### Aims and Scope

*PAIN Research*, an official publication of the Japanese Association for the Study of Pain (JASP), is an international, peer-reviewed, open access journal that advances basic, experimental, applied or clinical approaches for pain.

**Article sections:** Basic Section / Clinical Section

### Article types

| Article type         | Word count (page) | Manuscript Formatting Requirements                           |
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| Research Reports     | 4,000 (8 pages)   | Abstract 250 words; 5 keywords; 60 references; 8 Figs/Tables |
| Technical Reports    | 4,000 (8 pages)   | Abstract 250 words; 5 keywords; 60 references; 8 Figs/Tables |
| Short Communications | 1,500 (3 pages)   | Abstract 150 words; 3 keywords; 15 references; 3 Figs/Tables |
| Case Reports         | 1,500 (3 pages)   | Abstract 150 words; 3 keywords; 15 references; 3 Figs/Tables |
| Micro Reports        | 1,000 (2 pages)   | Abstract 100 words; 3 keywords; 10 references; 1 Fig/Table   |
| Reviews              | 8,000 (20 pages)  | Abstract 250 words; 5 keywords; 300 references               |
| Mini-Reviews         | 4,000 (10 pages)  | Abstract 250 words; 5 keywords; 150 references               |

*Research Reports*: an original research work that has not been published previously.

*Technical Reports*: an original research work that update new technology, instrumentation, method, observation, project, statics, software, databases or other tools to inspire many pain researchers.

*Short Communications*: an original completed project of smaller scope of topical interest.

*Case Reports*: an original description of unreported, unexpected or unusual presentation of pain, an unexpected event in the course of observing or treating a patient, or a new perspective of case.

*Micro Reports*: a brief report containing novel and important findings obtained from the pilot study.

*Reviews*: a critical overview of an important topic, field, discovery, or innovation in basic, experimental, applied or clinical researches on pain. Any topics will be considered, but priority will be given to those addressing a major current problem and those with up-to-date literature reviews. We also accept systematic review and/or meta-analysis.

*Mini-Reviews*: a short overview of an important topic, field, discovery, or innovation in basic, experimental, applied or clinical researches on pain. *Mini-Reviews* can be only invited by the Editorial Boards.

### Preparation and submission of manuscripts

Manuscript consists of title page, abstract, keywords, main text, acknowledgements, declarations, references and figure legends, with tables, figures, supplementary materials and graphical Abstract. The title page should include article section (basic or clinical section), article type, the complete title (limit 25 words), full names, affiliations and addresses of all authors and the information of the corresponding author. The abstract should describe the background, purpose, methods, results and conclusions of the research briefly without specific subheadings. In *Research Reports* and *Technical Reports*, main text contains the separate sections of Introduction, Material and Methods, Results and Discussion, but no specific headings are required in other article types. Acknowledgement of technical help, material support, etc. should be placed following the main text. Declarations should contain all sources of funding, each author's competing interests, author's contribution, ethics approval, consents for participation and publication (if clinical research). Reference should be cited in the text by numbers in parentheses [ex. (5), (12, 13), (3–5)], and listed at the end of the manuscript in numerical order according to the first mention in the text as follow.

- 1) Caterina MJ, Schumacher MA, Tominaga M, Rosen TA, Levine JD, Julius D: The capsaicin receptor: a heat-activated ion channel in the pain pathway. *Nature* 389: 816–824 (1997). doi: 10.1038/39807.

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