

## Author Guidelines

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- A clear and concise title
- The author’s first name(s) and surnames

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- A list of four or five keywords not appearing in the title, preceded by “Keywords”

If the species used does not appear in the title, it should be included in the keywords and be mentioned in the first few lines of the abstract.

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The main part of a *Research Report* should start with a brief Introduction *not exceeding 500 words*, which outlines the historical or logical origins of the study and clearly states the aim of the study and/or hypothesis to be tested, without repeating the Abstract or summarizing the results.

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When human subjects are used, manuscripts must be accompanied by a statement that the experiments were undertaken with the understanding and written consent of each subject, and that the study conforms with The Code of Ethics of the World Medical Association (Declaration of Helsinki), printed in the *British Medical Journal* (18 July 1964). In addition, the name of institutional review board (or appropriate committee of the institution) that approved the study should be given and their ***approval should be explicitly stated.***

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the name of the Animal Use and Care Committee or Institution that approved the study should be given and their **approval should be explicitly stated**.

### 3.5.2 Experimental animals

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### 3.5.7 *Statistical methods*

A complete description of statistical methods is required. The recommendations described in the EJN Editorial on Reporting Statistical Methods and Results (EJN 2008, **28**, 2363-2364) are a component of these Author Guidelines.

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The observations should be presented with minimal reference to earlier literature or to possible interpretations. The main statistical results should be reported in the Results section. The description of the statistical results should include the proper statistical term (such as the *F* statistic) as well as the degrees of freedom and the *P* value. The description of statistical results in the figure legends should be limited to important post hoc comparisons. ***The recommendations described in the EJN Editorial on Reporting Statistical Methods and Results (EJN 2008, 28, 2363-2364; <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1460-9568.2008.06581.x/full>) are a component of these Author Guidelines and should be followed in detail.***

### 3.7 Discussion

The Discussion should begin by summarizing the major findings, while avoiding repetition of statements provided in the Abstract or the Results section. For clarity, the use of subheadings is recommended.

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