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## **Article Types and Specific Requirements**

All manuscripts submitted to the **Axis Journal of Scientific Innovations (AJSI)** must adhere to the Vancouver citation and reference style. The following sections outline the specific requirements for each article type.

### **1. Randomized Clinical Trials**

- **Abstract:** A structured abstract of 200–300 words is required, with the headings: Background, Methods, Results, and Conclusion.
- **Word Limit:** The main text should not exceed 6,000 words, excluding the abstract, references, figures, and tables.
- **Figures and Tables:** A maximum of 6 figures and/or tables in total is permitted.
- **References:** The reference list may include up to 70 sources.
- **Reporting Guidelines:** Authors must follow the CONSORT guidelines and provide a completed checklist. The clinical trial must have been registered in a public trials registry prior to participant enrollment.

## 2. Observational Studies

- **Abstract:** A structured abstract of 200–300 words is required, with the headings: Background, Methods, Results, and Conclusion.
- **Word Limit:** The main text should not exceed 5,000 words, excluding the abstract, references, figures, and tables.
- **Figures and Tables:** A maximum of 5 figures and/or tables in total is permitted.
- **References:** The reference list may include up to 50 sources.
- **Reporting Guidelines:** Manuscripts must be prepared in accordance with the STROBE statement or other relevant EQUATOR network guidelines.

## 3. Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses

- **Abstract:** A structured abstract of 200–300 words is required, with the headings: Background, Methods, Results, and Conclusion.
- **Word Limit:** The main text should not exceed 5,000 words, excluding the abstract, references, figures, and tables.
- **Figures and Tables:** A maximum of 6 figures and/or tables in total is permitted (e.g., PRISMA flow diagram, forest plots).
- **References:** The reference list may include up to 100 sources.
- **Reporting Guidelines:** Authors must adhere to the PRISMA or MOOSE guidelines and provide a completed checklist. The systematic review protocol must have been registered in a prospective register such as PROSPERO or INPLASY.

## 4. Case Reports and Case Series

- **Abstract:** An unstructured, single-paragraph abstract of 150–250 words is required, summarizing the key points.

- **Word Limit:** The main text should not exceed 4,000 words, excluding the abstract and references.
- **Figures and Tables:** A maximum of 3 figures and/or tables in total is permitted to illustrate the case.
- **References:** The reference list may include up to 30 sources.
- **Reporting Guidelines:** Submissions must follow the CARE guidelines. The case must present a truly novel, rare, or unique innovative finding with significant educational value.

## 5. Preclinical Studies

- **Abstract:** A structured abstract of 200–300 words is required, with the headings: Background, Methods, Results, and Conclusion.
- **Word Limit:** The main text should not exceed 5,000 words, excluding the abstract, references, figures, and tables.
- **Figures and Tables:** A maximum of 5 figures and/or tables in total is permitted.
- **References:** The reference list may include up to 50 sources.
- **Reporting Guidelines:** Studies involving animals must rigorously follow the ARRIVE 2.0 guidelines to ensure the reproducibility and translational value of the research.

## 6. Narrative Reviews

- **Abstract:** An unstructured, single-paragraph abstract of 150–250 words is required, outlining the review's scope and main conclusions.
- **Word Limit:** The main text should not exceed 5,000 words, excluding the abstract and references.
- **Figures and Tables:** A maximum of 3 figures and/or tables in total is permitted to synthesize information.
- **References:** The reference list may include up to 50 sources.
- **Reporting Guidelines:** While not following a formal protocol, the introduction must clearly state the review's rationale, specific aims, and the methodology used for the literature search (e.g., databases, keywords, date range).