Instructions to Authors

The Indian Journal of Gastroenterology is the official publication of the Indian Society of Gastroenterology. The Journal is published bimonthly (January, March, May, July, September, November), as a medium for articles related to digestive diseases. It is indexed by the National Informatics Center, New Delhi, and indexed and abstracted by Excerpta Medica, the Netherlands, and Index Medicus and Medline, USA.

Manuscripts submitted should not have been published earlier or be under simultaneous consideration for publication by any other journal. A statement to this effect (Authors’ Declaration) signed by the authors should accompany each manuscript. Violation may lead to a published retraction of the article by the Journal and other actions as deemed necessary by the editor. All articles (including invited ones) will be submitted to reviewers, and accepted articles edited to the Journal’s style. Accepted manuscripts become the permanent property of the Journal and may not be reproduced, in whole or in part, without the written permission of the editor.

Studies involving intervention in human subjects or animals should have received the approval of the institutional ethics committee. A statement to this effect must be included in the manuscript text. If the institution has no formal ethics committee, a statement signed by the authors that the terms of the Helsinki Agreement have been adhered to will be necessary.

Manuscripts must conform to the instructions given below.

General
Submit two complete sets. Type the manuscript double-spaced throughout on A4 size bond paper, with 3 cm margins all around. The duplicate copy should be a clear carbon copy or photocopy. Authors of accepted articles will be requested to send the electronic version of the manuscripts on floppy disks or by e-mail. Manuscripts will not be returned to authors, but figures of rejected articles will be returned.

Arrange the manuscripts as follows: Title page, Abstract, Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion, References, Tables, Figures, Legends, Number: all pages consecutively, beginning with the title page. Figures and Tables must be referred to in the manuscript. Consult a recent issue of the Journal for details.

Editorials, Special Articles and Gastroenterology in India will generally be by invitation. The Journal does not publish general review articles.

Length of articles
Text of Original Articles should be less than 10 typed pages; the article should not ordinarily contain more than 3 tables and 2 figures. Case Reports must deal with well-studied clinical problems that contribute to understanding of diagnosis and management and may provide material for further research. Their text length may not exceed 4 typed pages, with no more than 1 table and 1 figure. Uncommon disease or unusual clinical presentations may be submitted as Case Snippets, not exceeding 3 text pages, and a maximum of 1 figure and 5 references. Letters discussing or criticizing material published recently in the Journal, brief presentations of data, or those pertaining to issues of relevance to health policy, practice of medicine, or the like, are welcome. These should not exceed 2 typed pages, 1 table and 5 references.

Title page
In animal studies, the title should state the species; all other titles will refer to human studies. State names of authors (including first names), the departments and the institution where the work was done. The Journal reserves the right to ask for the contribution of each author to an article. A short running title, not exceeding 40 characters, should be provided. Type the name, postal address with PIN code, facsimile number and E-mail address of the author to whom communications and proofs are to be sent. Acknowledgements, if any, may be mentioned on this page.

Abstract
Original Articles should include a structured abstract of less than 250 words with the following or similar headings and information: Background/Objective, Methods, Results, and Conclusions. [See Ann Intern Med 1990;113:69-76]. References should not be included. Less than 10 key words, not present in the title, to assist indexing, should be typed in alphabetical order below the Abstract; these may be obtained from the Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) in Index Medicus.

References
Identify references in the text by superscript numbers. Number references in the order in which they first appear in the text. Type references double-spaced on sheets separate from the text. Publications as abstract and letter should be so identified in parenthesis. The responsibility for accuracy of references lies with the authors. The Journal is in agreement with the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors. Therefore, the general arrangement, abbreviations of Journal names and punctuations followed are as per the Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts submitted to Biomedical Journals (See N Engl J Med 1997:336:109-15). Pay particular attention to the style of references and punctuation as follows:
Journal article: List all authors when six or less: Mistry FP, Kannad DR, Abraham P, Bhatia SJ. A scoring system to differentiate cirrhosis from non-cirrhotic portal hypertension. Indian J Gastroenterol 1991;10:82-5. When there are seven or more authors, list only the first six and add ‘et al’.

Tables
Each Table should be typed double-spaced on a separate sheet and numbered consecutively in Arabic numerals. Necessary explanatory notes, if any, may be given below the Table.

Figures/ Illustrations/Photographs
Submit two complete sets of unmounted glossy, good-contrast prints of photographs (5.0 cm x 7.5 cm). On the back of the figure, indicate in light pencil the surname of the first author, the figure number and an arrow indicating the top side. In clinical photographs, patient’s identity should be satisfactorily masked; in case this is not possible, patient’s written permission should accompany the manuscript.
Authors' Declaration

All manuscripts submitted to this Journal must be accompanied by this declaration signed by all authors, before they can be processed editorially. If it cannot be signed by any author, the principal or corresponding author can take responsibility and sign on behalf.

This document can be photocopied as required for submission.

We, the authors of the article entitled "______________________________" submitted for consideration for publication in the Indian Journal of Gastroenterology, declare that

a. we have seen and approved the text of the manuscript, and take responsibility for its contents as its authors; we consent to its publication in the Indian Journal of Gastroenterology if it is accepted for publication by the Journal;
b. this work in the submitted or an essentially similar version has not been published elsewhere, is not under simultaneous consideration for publication elsewhere, and will not be submitted for publication elsewhere while under consideration by the Indian Journal of Gastroenterology. This does not duplicate any data previously reported. If any part of the material submitted has been previously published, except in the form of an Abstract, we enclose copies of the previous publication.
c. in consideration of the Indian Journal of Gastroenterology taking action in editing and reviewing our submission, we hereby transfer, assign or otherwise convey all copyright ownership to the Indian Society of Gastroenterology in the event that this article is published in the Indian Journal of Gastroenterology.

Authors' names

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.
6.
7.
8.
9.
10.

Signatures