

European Medical Specialist Review (EMSR)

Instructions for Authors

1. General Information

The European Medical Specialist Review (EMSR) is the official peer-reviewed journal of the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS).

The journal publishes research, reviews, policy papers, and commentary relevant to medical specialists across Europe.

Manuscripts must be original, written in English, and not under consideration elsewhere. Once an article has been published in the European Medical Specialist Review (EMSR), the same or substantially similar work should not be submitted for publication as an original article in another journal. Any permitted secondary publication must comply with applicable copyright and licensing terms and recognised publication ethics standards, and must clearly acknowledge the original publication in EMSR.

2. Key Requirements

- - Manuscripts must be original
- - Authorship must comply with ICMJE criteria
- - Conflicts of interest must be declared
- - Ethics approval required where applicable
- - AI use must be disclosed
- - Clinical trials must be registered
- - References must follow Vancouver style

3. Article Types

Peer-reviewed: Original Research, Reviews, Position Papers, Guidelines, Case Reports

Non-peer-reviewed: Editorials, Opinions, Reports

4. Manuscript Preparation

- - Submit in Microsoft Word format (.doc/.docx)
- - Font: Times New Roman, 12 pt, 1.5 spacing
- - Figures must be submitted separately

5. Structure (Original Research)

Title Page, Abstract, Keywords, Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion, Conclusion, Declarations, References

Title Page Requirements

- - Title of the manuscript
- - Author names and affiliations
- -ORCID ID
- - Corresponding author details
- - Word count
- - Number of tables and figures
- - Trial registration (if applicable)

6. Abstract and Keywords

- - Structured abstract (150–250 words) for research articles
- - 3–6 keywords (preferably MeSH terms)

7. Reporting Guidelines

Authors must comply with appropriate reporting standards such as CONSORT, PRISMA, STROBE, and STARD. [EQUATOR Network | Enhancing the QUALity and Transparency Of Health Research](#)

8. Authorship

All listed authors must meet ICMJE authorship criteria. [ICMJE | Recommendations | Defining the Role of Authors and Contributors](#)

Ghost and gift authorship are not permitted.

9. Conflict of Interest

All authors must complete the ICMJE Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form. [ICMJE | Disclosure of Interest](#)

10. Ethics

- - Human studies require ethics approval and informed consent
- - Animal studies require ethical approval
- - Patient confidentiality must be maintained

11. Peer Review

- - Initial editorial screening
- - Minimum of two independent reviewers
- - Final decision by the Editor-in-Chief

12. Response to Reviewers and Revised Manuscript

When submitting a revised manuscript, authors must ensure that Track Changes is activated in Microsoft Word and remains visible throughout the document. All modifications made in response to reviewers' comments should be clearly identifiable using Track Changes.

Authors should address every comment and point raised by the reviewers and provide a detailed response indicating how each issue has been addressed. The revised manuscript should allow editors and reviewers to easily identify the changes made and verify that all comments have been considered.

13. Use of Artificial Intelligence

Use of AI tools must be disclosed.

AI cannot be listed as an author.

14. Corrections and Retractions

Handled in accordance with COPE guidelines.

15. References

Vancouver style, numbered in order of appearance.

16. Tables and Figures

- - Must be clearly numbered
- - High-resolution images required
- - Permissions must be obtained where necessary

17. Word Limits (Summary)

- - Original Research: 3,000–4,000 words
- - Review Articles: up to 5,000 words
- - Policy Papers: 2,500–4,000 words
- - Editorials: 800–1,200 words

18. Submission

Submit manuscripts via email:

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Required documents:

- - Manuscript
- - Title page
- - COI forms
- - Reporting checklist
- - Ethics statement
- - Figures

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