

I. GENERAL POLICY

The *Journal of Neurosonology and Neuroimaging (J Neurosonol Neuroimag, JNN)* is a regular academic journal of Korean Society of Neurosonology, publishing all studies related to neurosonology and neuroimaging in the field of stroke, cerebrovascular or other neurological diseases. The JNN offers full coverage of all the relevant stroke or cerebrovascular aspects of neurosonology including transcranial Doppler, carotid duplex ultrasound, and neuroimaging modalities such as MRI, CT, SPECT, or PET. It is also interested in the field of peripheral nervous system based on ultrasound or imaging. Basic sciences can be welcome if the results are closely relevant to clinical practice. The submission policy is based on the Recommendations for the Conduct, Reporting, Editing, and Publication of Scholarly work in Medical Journals issued by the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (<https://www.icmje.org/recommendations/>). What is not stated in this instruction follows the general principles of the above format.

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scientific impact on neurological disease and their clinical application to the general population. Scientific statements contain scholarly synopsis of a topic related to neurosonology and/or neuroimaging.

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- Abstract
- Introduction, Subjects and methods, Results, and Dis-

ussion

- Acknowledgements
- Sources of Funding
- Conflict of Interest
- References
- Table
- Figure legend

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The cover letter accompanying the manuscript must specify the type of manuscript and include statements on ethical issues and conflicts of interest, and complete contact information for the corresponding author. For case report, the authors must state that a written informed consent was obtained from the patient or legal guardian in the cover letter. The cover letter should include the following statement: "All authors have read and approved the submitted manuscript, the manuscript has not been submitted elsewhere nor published elsewhere in whole or in part, except as an abstract (if relevant)." The cover letter may include the names of potential reviewers (e-mail addresses are required). However, the Editors cannot always guarantee assignment of a particular reviewer to a manuscript.

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abstract, main body of text, acknowledgments, sources of funding, disclosures, references, figure legends, and tables).

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The content of the abstract should be in order of Background, Methods, Results, Conclusion, and *Key Words*. Each heading should be separated, and within 5 Key Words should be recorded on the bottom of the abstract, where the words should be from Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) of the Index Medicus. For abstract of case report, the abstract is composed in one paragraph without dividing into above headings (background, methods, results, and conclusion).

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