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General principles

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- **Image Quiz** – figures with short description, questions

Table I. Manuscript type with parameters

Manuscript type	Abstract – max word	Text – max word count	Figures / Tables	References
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	count			
Editorial	No	500	1	10
Case Report	50	700	2	15
Case Report Series	50	1000	4	20
Original Article	100	1500	6	40
CME Article	100	4000	8	90
Review	100	4000	8	90
Guidelines	100	4000	6	120
Letter	No	300	0	10
Image Quiz	No	100	3	10

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References

References in the text should be put in square brackets using Arabic numerals. The textual number should much the reference listed number. The usual order in references is as follows: Author, title, source, year of publication, volume, and page number. Besides English other languages can also be used in reference in Latin transcription. Some examples are given below:

Journal:

Author A, Author B-C, Author DES. Cancer markers. Balt J Dermatol. 2017; 1:1-5.

Journal with DOI numbers

Author R, Author B. Molecular signalling. J Science. 2017; 230: 256-270. doi: 10.1221/1346-7134.14331.

Journal articles with only DOI numbers:

Autorov S, Avtorova K, Avtorin R. K voprosu o diagnostike melanomi. Vestn Dermatol Venerol. doi: 10.1111/1255564444.

Book Chapter:

Autorer F, Autormann GH, Aütörberg DW. Ein effektiver TNF- α Antagonist zur Behandlung der Psoriasis. In: Autormann GH, Autorer F, eds. Psoriasis. Berlin, Berliner Verlag; 2001:400-445.

Book:

Autorini ZW, Autorano GD, Autorani T. La Cucina Italiana. 6th ed. Milan, Italy: Ars Longa; 2010.

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5. References
6. Figures and tables at the end of text
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