INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS

Classification of Manuscripts

Clinical Autonomic Research publishes Research Articles, Short Communications, Research Letters, Case Reports, Review Articles, Editorials, and Autonomic Images, Book Reviews, and Letters to the Editor.

Research Articles are full-length reports of original research. They should contain no more than 3000 words, excluding references, and must be accompanied by an unstructured Abstract of 250 words or less.

Short Communications are original data communicated in no more than 1600 words, excluding references, and should be accompanied by an Abstract no longer than six lines (approximately 70 words).

Research Letters are brief reports of original research, containing no more than 900 words, excluding references. They require an Abstract no longer than three lines (approximately 35 words).

Case Reports are short papers documenting practical experience of a novel treatment, an unusual facet of a condition, or any other event that other practitioners will not have encountered before, containing no more than 1600 words, excluding references. They require an Abstract no longer than three lines (approximately 35 words).

Review Articles and Editorials may be submitted by authors after discussing the topic of the proposed review with the Editors. Unsolicited contributions are also welcome and will be submitted for peer review. Review Articles should conform to the submission requirements of full length Research Articles.

Autonomic Images are interesting, previously unpublished images. They should contain a title of less than 40 characters (including spaces and punctuation), a legend of 50 words or less, a brief case summary of 100 words or less, and up to two references.

Book reviews are typically solicited by the Editors for new books or new editions of existing texts. Unsolicited book reviews are also welcome.

Letters to the Editor are encouraged. Letters may report new or important observations or provide comments or criticisms pertaining to developments in understanding autonomic function. Letters may also comment on papers previously published in this journal. Criticism of published work must be objective and not contain false statements. Letters that do not comply with the above-mentioned requirements or that contain false statements will be returned.

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1. Manuscripts should be accompanied by a cover letter that states that the manuscript is not being considered for publication elsewhere and will not be submitted to another journal while under consideration for this journal, and that all human studies have been reported in accordance with the ethical standards of the responsible committee on human experimentation (institutional and national) and with the Helsinki Declaration of 1975, as revised in 1983 (5). Human and animal experimental procedures should be objectified by the appropriate ethical committee. Authors should also state clearly in the text that all persons gave their informed consent prior to their inclusion in the study.

2. The Manuscript Checklist should also be submitted with the manuscript. The Checklist is printed in every issue of CAR and can be found on the CAR website at Springer’s online information service, www.springerlink.com.

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3. Any disclosures should be listed on the title page, including financial support from, or equity positions in, manufacturers of drugs or products mentioned in the manuscript.

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5. All manuscripts require a list of no more than 5 key words, which should be taken from the Index Medicus.

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☐ Review Article

☐ Short Communication

☐ Case Report

☐ Research Letter

☐ Autonomic Image

☐ Book Review

☐ Letter to the Editor

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