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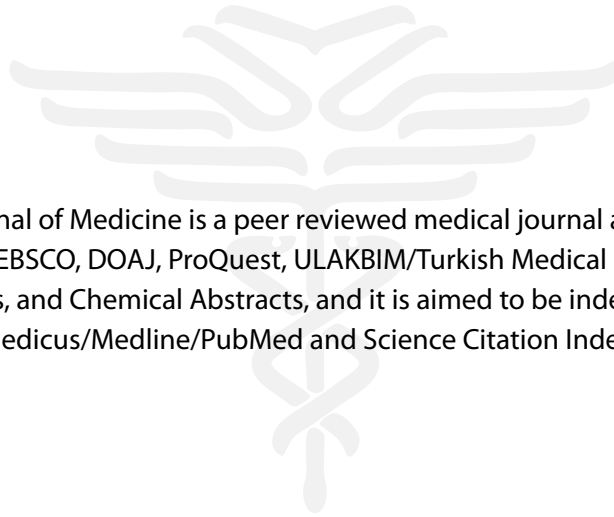
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1. Original articles
2. Case reports
3. Letters to the editor
4. Images of interest
5. Reviews

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Original articles should follow the basic structure of abstract, introduction, methods, results, discussion, references, and tables and figures (as appropriate). Submissions should typically not exceed 400 words for the abstract and 4000 words for the content; they should include no more than 35 references. Figures and/or tables should be limited to a total of ten.

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Case reports should not exceed 2000 words with two tables or illustrations, a short unstructured abstract, and ten

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Original article	4,000 words, not including abstract, references, tables and legends	400 words	10	35
Case report	2,000 words, not including abstract, references, tables and legends	200 words	2	10
Letter to the editor	500 words	N/A	1	5
Image of interest	250 words	N/A	2	2
Review	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Stating the purposes of the study, basic procedures (study subjects or experimental animals; observational and analytic methods), main findings (specific data and statistical significance), and conclusions. Emphasize new and important aspects of the work. Avoid abbreviations other than standard units of measurement. Information must match the information in the text and may contain no information that is not presented in the text.

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Text (Content and Style). The texts of observational and experimental articles generally include these sections: Introduction, Patients (or Materials) and Methods, Results, and Discussion. Other articles such as case reports and reviews will need other formats; authors should consult representative articles in the Journal.

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State the question you asked (or the hypothesis to be tested) and the considerations leading to the formulation of the question. Give only pertinent references. Case reports should also include an introduction section.

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Discussion

At the beginning of the Discussion, summarize the main results and show how they address the research question. Make sure that the conclusions are consistent with the re-

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sults and are pertinent to the research question. Describe the limitations of the study and/or analysis, and discuss possible implications of your conclusions. Emphasize new and important aspects of the study. Try to explain contradictory or unexpected results or discrepancies with previous findings.

Acknowledgements

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- Ahn SS, Kim YJ, Hur J, et al. Preparing first-year radiology residents and assessing their readiness for on-call responsibilities: results over 5 years. *AJR Am J Roentgenol* 2009; 192: 539-44.
- Akgun M, Mirici A, Ucar EY, Kantarci M, Araz O, Gorguner M. Silicosis in Turkish denim sandblasters. *Occup Med* 2006; 26: 1234-40.

2. Book by 1 or More Authors (including specific page numbers)

- Angelini P. Coronary artery anomalies: A comprehensive approach. Baltimore: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins; 1999. p. 25-150.

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- Bourbon J, Henrion-Caude A, Gaultier C. Molecular basis of lung development. In: Gibson GJ, Geddes DM, Costable U, Sterk PJ, Corrin B, eds. *Respiratory Medicine*. 3rd Edn. Elsevier Science, Edinburgh/Philadelphia, 2002; pp. 64-81.

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- Images have been scanned according to our scanning guidelines.
- Files are named using our recommended naming conventions.

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- Black-and-white line art: 1200 dpi/ppi

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- Crop images tightly; do not scan the margins.
- Use the proper naming convention; save as a TIFF and apply LZW compression.

b. Scanning photographic images with text or arrows

- Scan in RGB mode.
- Scan at 600 dpi/ppi (even if text or labels will be added after the image is scanned).
- Select a target width of 3.2" for 1-column figures, or 6.4" for 2-column figures.
- Crop images tightly; do not scan the margins.
- If adding labels, use an approved font. If these are pixilated, you may be asked for an unlabeled version.
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Type	Example	Format/ Color Mode / Resolution
Photographic images without text or arrows		TIFF/ RGB/ 300 dpi-ppi
Photographic images with text or arrows		TIFF/ RGB/ 600 dpi-ppi
Black-and-white line art		TIFF/ Grayscale/ 1200 dpi-ppi
Black-and-white line art from a professional drawing program such as Adobe Illustrator		EPS/ Grayscale/ NA
Black-and-white chart or graph from Microsoft Office program		PPT or XLS/ NA (Use blacks, whites and shades of gray.) / NA

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2. Scanning originals that are smaller than the target width

- Choose the correct color space for photographic images or line art.
- Determine the correct resolution. If an image has a width smaller than the target width, it is necessary to compensate with an increase in the scanning resolution. To do this, divide the actual width by the target width (either 3.2" or 6.4"). Multiply the answer by the target dpi and round up to the nearest hundred. This will determine the scanning dpi. Use the following example:

If an image is 2.4" wide and needs to be 300 dpi/ppi at 3.2" wide, then

$$3.2 \text{ divided by } 2.4 = 1.33$$

$$1.33 \text{ times } 300 = 399 \text{ Round up to } 400.$$

Thus, if the 2.4" image is scanned at 400 dpi/ppi, the Journal can properly convert the image to 3.2" wide at 300 dpi.

- Use the proper naming convention and save.

E. Naming Files

1. Please use the following naming convention for electronic images:

Author last name + figure number.file format
For example: Okur1.eps or Okur1A.tif

2. Revising images. Any time you revise an image and resubmit it to the Journal, you need to add a version number to ensure that the image will be re-evaluated.

For example: Smith1.eps would be saved the next time as Smith1_v2.eps

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F. Approved Fonts. Please use one of the following fonts for text in labels, graphs, and charts:

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- Arial
- Helvetica
- Symbol
- Times New Roman
- Univers LT

G. Labels

1. Do not place figure labels (A, B, C, etc.) on digital files; include the letter in the figure file name (for example, Smith2B.tif).

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