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MANUSCRIPT FORMAT

Article Types

The following graph shows what types of articles are accepted for publication, and what requirement they may have.

Article Type	Abstract Limit	Keywords Limit	Title Limit	Tables/Figures Limit	References Limit
Original Article (up to 4,000 words)	Up to 250 words	3 to 6 keywords	Up to 25 words	Up to 5 tables/figures	Up to 40 references
Short Communications (up to 1,500 words)	Up to 250 words	3 to 6 keywords	Up to 25 words	Up to 2 tables/figures	Up to 15 references
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Letter to the Editor	Up to 250 words	3 to 6 keywords	Up to 25 words	No limit	No limit
Videos and Images in Neuropediatrics (up to 200 words)	No abstract	3 to 6 keywords	Up to 25 words	1 Video (up to 5 mins) or 3 Images and 1 Table	Up to 5 references

Resident & Fellow Section in Neuropediatrics

The Resident & Fellow section is a journal section that is designed to serve the trainee readership including medical students, residents, and fellows. The goal is to encourage trainees to engage in academic child neurology and to promote scholarly activity. Manuscripts are invited from trainees and fall into several categories as listed on the website of Neuropediatrics within the general framework for articles in Neuropediatrics. Articles are typically written by a trainee (preferably as the first author) with at least one experienced faculty co-author. For reviews, pre-submission enquiry is mandatory. All submitted manuscripts undergo a rigorous peer review process, similar to other submissions, ensuring that the high-quality standards for publishing in Neuropediatrics are met. The final decision regarding each submission is made by the editors-in-chief. Articles selected for peer review are typically sent to a combination of trainees and faculty, who act as expert reviewers. All accepted R&F articles are published in print in Neuropediatrics. Articles are indexed the same way that all articles in Neuropediatrics are indexed, including in PubMed.

Article Type	Subcategory for R&F Section*	Description	Abstract Limit	Key-word Limit	Title Limit	Tables / Figures Limit	References Limit
Original Article (up to 4,000 words)		Original articles that present important and substantial new research.	250 words	3-6	25 words	5 tables / figures	Up to 40 references
Short Communications (up to 1,500 words)	Regular Short Communications	Short communications are reports of short original research studies. Topics can include case series or novel clinical and laboratory observations.	250 words	3-6	25 words	2 tables / figures	Up to 15 references
	Clinico-Pathological Conferences	Description of a difficult case with an answer to the diagnosis in the pathology (biopsy or autopsy).	250 words	3-6	25 words	2 tables / figures	Up to 15 references
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Review Articles (up to 4,000 words) – authors should enquire before submission	Regular Review Articles	Timely reviews of important topics in Child Neurology. Authors should have substantial experience in their topic; hence the editors are paying special attention to work and valence of the senior author involved.	250 words	3-6	25 words	No limit	No limit
	Trends In Translational Neuroscience	Short, focused reviews (typically less than 2500 words) of emerging trends and concepts in translational neuroscience that will have an impact on clinical practice. Authors should have substantial experience in their topic; hence the editors are paying special attention to work and valence of the senior author involved.	250 words	3-6	25 words	No limit	No limit
	Child Neurology Training Around The World	Short focused opinion articles (typically less than 2500 words) on international issues related to education in the subspecialty of Child Neurology.	250 words	3-6	25 words	No limit	No limit
Videos and Images in Neuropediatrics (up to 200 words)		Videos or images that exemplify specific aspects or symptoms of common or rare neurologic diseases in childhood.	No abstract	3-6	25 words	1 Video (up to 5 min) or 3 Images and 1 Table	Up to 5 references

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