

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS

### Aims and scope

International Journal of Angiology is a peer-reviewed Journal published quarterly. The Journal publishes original basic and clinical research related to angiology to improve the management of patients with vascular diseases. The appropriate disciplines include pathophysiology, interventional and diagnostic modalities, medical and surgical treatments, epidemiology that covers medical and surgical advances, test new hypothesis and address current controversies. This Journal also publishes review articles, case reports, letters to the editor, and articles for rapid communications.

### Journal Categories

- **Original Contributions:** Manuscripts should not exceed 5000 words (21 double-spaced typewritten pages) including title page, abstract, text, references, figure legends and tables. In exceptional circumstances, editors may approve manuscripts longer than 5000 words when design complexity or research requires additional lengths.
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  - Affiliation
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- Introduction
- Text which should be subdivided into sections according to the subject matter.
- Conclusion
- Summary
- Acknowledgments
- References

The usual length of the article should be between 15 and 20 printed pages, corresponding to about 45 to 60 manuscript pages (double spaced with at least a 1 inch margin). The style for writing should be similar to that for the original manuscript for the *International Journal of Angiology*.

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- **Structure into subsections:** Background, hypothesis, objectives, methods, results, discussion, and conclusions.
- Submit a list of 5-10 key words that best describe the paper after the abstract.

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This section should contain the background information, hypothesis, and objectives.

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