

Manuscript Preparation and Submission

General Formatting Instructions:

All manuscripts should follow the following formats:

- Use the **past tense and third person passive voice**. For example:
 - Past tense: Instead of “The study will compare.....” use “The study compared....”
 - Passive voice: Instead of “We treated X with ORIF....”. use “In a cohort of 50 patients, ORIF was used to treat X....”. In general, avoid using the words “we” and “our”.
- **Standard 8¹/₂ x 11-inch (21 x 28-cm) paper with at least a 1-inch (2.5 cm) margin on all sides and double spaced.**
- **Continuous line numbers on each page.**
- **All pages numbered with the numbering continuing throughout.**
- **No more than 3000 words of text, excluding the Abstract, References, and Figure Legends. Abstract should be less than 300 words.**
- Pattern manuscript style after the most recent editions of American Medical Association Manual of Style, Stedman’s Medical Dictionary, and Merriam Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary should be used as standard references. Refer to drugs and therapeutic agents by their accepted generic or chemical names, and do not abbreviate them. Use code numbers only when a generic name is not yet available. In that case, supply the chemical name and a figure giving the chemical structure of the drug. Capitalize the trade names of drugs and place them in parentheses after the generic names. To comply with trademark law, include the name and location (city and state in USA; city and country outside USA) of the manufacturer of any drug, supply, or equipment mentioned in the manuscript.
- For Clinical Trials and similar study designs, adhere to the CONSORT statement (www.consort-statement.org/). For observational studies follow STROBE guidelines <http://www.strobe-statement.org>. Systematic reviews and meta-analyses must be reported according to PRISMA guidelines, <http://www.prisma-statement.org>. Note that the Journal of Orthopaedic Trauma provides a customized version of each checklist. The checklists are available in the “Files & Resources” section of the Home page <http://www.editorialmanager.com/jot/>.