

## GUIDELINES FOR REVIEWERS

### ABSTRACT

- Is the purpose of the paper stated?
- If a study, is the goal stated?
- Are the methods used summarized?
- Are the main conclusions outlined?

### INTRODUCTION

- Is the purpose expanded on?
- Has the important literature in the area been reviewed?
- If a study, have the goals been expanded on?
- If a case report, have the reasons for presenting the case been explained?

### MATERIALS AND METHODS (FOR RESEARCH STUDIES)

- Have the methods and materials been satisfactorily explained?
- Are they appropriate for achieving the stated goal?
- Have ethical standards for conducting human and animal research been maintained?
- Are techniques of data analysis outlined and proper?

### RESULTS (FOR RESEARCH STUDIES)

- Have the results been presented in a clear, easy-to-understand fashion?
- If not included, would tables or graphs be useful?

### CASE PRESENTATION (FOR CASE REPORTS)

- Is the case presented clearly and succinctly?
- Is all pertinent data, such as laboratory and pathology, included?
- Do the laboratory results and clinical description concur with the stated diagnosis?
- Is the treatment appropriate?

### DISCUSSION

- If a research study, does the discussion appropriately discuss the results in light of the stated problem?
- If a case report, are the implications and relevance of the case discussed?

### CONCLUSION

- Are the conclusion and recommendations substantiated by the results or evidence presented?

### GENERAL

- Are references appropriate in number and variety?
- Is there evidence of plagiarism?
- Is the paper of sufficient interest and quality to justify publication?