

Journal of the Japan Society for Laser Surgery and Medicine: Guidelines for Authors

1. Introduction

The Journal of the Japan Society for Laser Surgery and Medicine (hereinafter referred to as “the Journal”) is published quarterly as the bulletin of the Japan Society for Laser Surgery and Medicine (JLSM) (hereinafter referred to as “the Society”), using the electronic journal platform for science and technology information in Japan (J-STAGE) developed by the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST). The Journal is published in book form as an edition of academic meeting abstracts in one of the four publications yearly.

2. Authors' Qualifications

The lead author should be a member of the Society. However, this does not apply for an invited manuscript.

3. Submission and publication categories

Submitted papers should belong to one of the six categories detailed below and are limited to works that have not already been published or submitted for publication elsewhere (both within and outside Japan).

- 1) Original article: Theoretical or empirical discussion of original research on laser medicine.
- 2) Review article: Summary of previous findings or research achievements in specific areas of laser medicine.
- 3) Commentary: Reports of participation in domestic or overseas academic conferences, reports on new technologies that can help members of this academic society, and survey reports.
- 4) Case report: Reports on individual patients, including signs, symptoms, diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up.
- 5) Short communication: Presentation of time-sensitive research results that discuss original research on laser medicine.
- 6) Letter to the Editor: Questions/responses and discussions on articles published in the journal.

4. Ethical Considerations

Investigations with human subjects must state that the research followed guidelines of the Declaration of Helsinki, and was approved by the institutional human experimentation committee or equivalent, and that informed consent was obtained. Any experiments involving animals must be approved by an institutional ethical committee, and this must be declared in the text.

5. Conflict of Interest

When submitting a paper, authors should submit a “COI declaration of authors for submission to the Journal of the Japan Society for Laser Surgery and Medicine” that is signed by all authors.

6. Copyright Management

Copyright should be managed in accordance with the copyright policy of the JLSM. In addition, authors who plan to submit a paper should read the details of the “letter of copyright transfer and the written declaration of compliance with related laws,” to declare compliance with laws related to the details of their paper. The declaration document should be submitted by the lead author and signed by all authors. When a factual error is found in the declaration, or the accuracy or correctness of a submitted paper is challenged, the Society and editorial committee will take no responsibility.

7. Charges for Publication

- 1) The Society bears the costs for publication and review.
- 2) The authors bear the costs for reprints. The costs are shown in the following table.

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Guidelines

1. Manuscript Style

- 1) The manuscript should be written in Japanese or English. A manuscript in English should be double spaced.
- 2) The manuscript should include the cover page, text, references, legends for tables and figures, tables and figures, and information on authors (see below), in this order.
- 3) The cover page should include the title, names and affiliations of all authors, written in Japanese and English, and the name, contact information, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address of the lead author (Corresponding Author). When authors belong to different organizations, a superscript number should be added after the name of each author.
- 4) The submitted file should include the title (Japanese and English), abstract (Japanese and English), keywords (Japanese and English), text, and references, in this order. Since a document for review will be automatically prepared based on the uploaded file by the online submission system, **do not include personal information, such as name and affiliation of authors, in the uploaded file.**
- 5) An Original Article should include the following sections: 1. Introduction (or Background), 2. Objectives, 3. Subjects and Methods, 4. Results, 5. Discussion, and 6. Conclusion, in this order.
- 6) Regardless of whether the text is written in Japanese or English, the abstract should be written in Japanese (approx. 200 characters) and English, with about 5 keywords (Japanese and English). The English abstract should be proofread by an English native speaker before submission, and need to submit the Certificate of English Proofreading.
- 7) Legends to figures and tables should be written in English.
- 8) Figures and tables should be numbered as (Fig.1, Fig.2 ..., Table 1, Table 2 ...) in order of appearance in the text. Photographs are regarded as figures. Online publication of color figures is free of charge. Figures and tables can be included in the uploaded file. Appropriate consideration should be made for materials with personal information, in which an individual can be identified, such as use of blinders for photographs of a patient's face to be used for introduction of a case.
- 9) It is desirable (but not required) to submit a face photograph and a biography for each author, as the information on authors.
- 10) The documents "COI declaration of authors for submission to the Journal of the Japan Society for Laser Surgery and Medicine," and "the letter of copyright transfer and the written declaration of compliance with related laws," should be scanned with signatures and uploaded on the online submission system.

2. Length of Manuscripts

The maximum number of printed pages (including text and figures/tables) is given for each article type below. One page is equivalent to 2,750 Japanese characters, and 1,000 English words. Six figures and tables are regarded as 1 printed page.

- a. Original Article.....10 pages (printed)
- b. Review10 pages (printed)
- c. Case Report..... 5 pages (printed)

- d. Brief Paper (Rapid Communication) 2 pages (printed)
- e. Letter to the Editor 2 pages (printed)

3. Terms and Units

- 1) Academic terms in the Medical Terminological Dictionary of the Japanese Association of Medical Sciences (edited by the Japanese Medical Term Management Committee) and those of other specialized societies should be used.
- 2) For scales and measurements, the International System of Units (SI) should be used (mm, cm, mL, dL, mg, kg, etc.).

4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

A section titled “Conflict of Interest” should be included after the text and before the References, regardless of the presence of a conflict of interest. Include information as shown below. If there is a conflict of interest, the name of the related company/organization and details (research expenses, other grants, competitive relations, etc.) should be given.

- 1) If there is no conflict of interest to be disclosed, this section should state “No conflict of interest”.
- 2) If there is a conflict of interest to be disclosed, an example disclosure is: “There is a conflict of interest. XX Company provided funding for the study”.

5. References

References should be cited using a superscript Arabic number in the text, according to the order of the citation, and listed after the text in numerical order (Vancouver referencing system). References should be formatted as shown below. The List of Journals Indexed for MEDLINE (<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/archive/20130415/tsd/serials/lji.html>) should be used to determine abbreviations for journal names. Names of journals that are not included in this list should not be abbreviated.

1. Original article

Name of author. title. name of journal. year of publication; volume: starting page-finish page. All authors should be included in the author list.

- 1) Ozawa T, Morimoto K, Tsuruta D, Awazu K. Photodynamic therapy for methicillin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*. *JJLSM*. 2014; 35: 403-407.

2. Book

- 1) Kushibiki T. Laser-tissue interaction. Awazu K. (ed.) *Laser Technology for Medical Applications*. The Netherlands: Elsevier Science; 2007. p. 377-384.

3. Online material and information

Source of release, name of material, reference date (date of final access), URL.

- 1) Ozawa T. Department of Dermatology, Osaka City University Graduate School of Medicine, Research on photodynamic therapy (PDT) for infection. (Accessed January 10, 2018), <http://www.med.osaka-cu.ac.jp/Derma/report/reports-04.shtm>.

Supplementary Rules

- 1. Detailed rules required to implement this provision should be determined for individual related rules.
- 2. This document was revised after obtaining approval from the editorial committee of the Society.
- 3. This document was approved and established in the board meeting held on November 14, 2008.
- 4. March 1, 2009: The rate table for reprints was revised.
- 5. April 3, 2012: “10. Guidelines for submission of papers” was revised.
- 6. November 9, 2012: “7. Manuscript preparation, Writing Guidelines, Disclosure of conflict of interest” was revised.
- 7. January 1, 2015: “7. Manuscript preparation, Writing Guidelines, Guidelines for preparation of figures, tables, and references” was revised.
- 8. April 1, 2016: “3. Research ethics, and 8. Manuscript preparation, Writing Guidelines, Figures and tables” were revised.
- 9. December 8, 2017: revised.
- 10. March 5, 2019: revised.
- 11. September 30, 2020: revised.