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Original article	250	3,500	50	7
Review	250	5,000	100	10
Special article	250	3,500	50	7
Cohort/ Data profile	200	3,500	50	7
Brief communication	200	2,000	30	5
Perspective	200	2,000	10	5
Editorial	Not required	2,000	10	3
Letter to the editor/ Response	Not required	1,000	10	3

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1. General requirements

- Format: Write submissions in English with characteristic double line-spacing on one side of single A4 sheets with a margin of at least 2.5 cm on every side.
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should not be used in the title.

4. Abstract

Abstracts should be no more than 250 words and consist of four sections labelled: Objectives, Methods, Results, and Conclusions. Unstructured abstracts of up to 200 words are allowed for other types of papers (cohort/data profile, brief communication, perspective, etc). References should not be included in abstracts and abbreviations should be used sparingly.

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