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## **2 PEER-REVIEW PROCESS**

Upon submission of any manuscript for consideration for publication in a journal published by the BPG, the scientific editor first performs a search of the Web of Science, Google and/or PubMed databases to determine the topical relevance and timeliness of the manuscript's content as well as to make an initial assessment of potential academic misconduct related to the general features of the study and/or topical content. The results of this initial review are either approval to enter into the peer-review process or rejection. The first step in the peer-review process involves delivery of the manuscript to 1 to 3 external reviewers with expertise in the paper's topic and/or field. The reviewers are allotted a period of 14 to 28 d in which to thoughtfully assess the manuscript and return comments to the editorial office, at which time the editorial director conducts a decision-making meeting to assess the reviewers' comments. Manuscripts that have received positive comments and meet the general publication requirements of BPG and any specific requirements of the particular journal are forwarded directly to the editor-in-chief, who provides signatory approval recommending that the manuscript is "To Be Accepted". If the manuscript fails to meet the high-quality standard assessed by the peer-reviewers or does not meet the BPG and/or journal-specific criteria, it is rejected. All manuscripts recommended for acceptance must pass a final review by the editor-in-chief before they are officially accepted for publication and entered into the production phase.

## **3 PUBLISHING PROCESS**

**Step 1** Manuscript reception and registration



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**Step 2** Initial review by scientific editor

**Step 3** Peer-review

**Step 4** End of peer-review

**Step 5** First round of meeting evaluation

**Step 6** To be accepted

**Step 7** Revision by the author(s)

**Step 8** Second round of meeting evaluation

**Step 9** To be accepted/revised/rejected

**Step 10** Final review by the Editor-in-Chief (final quality control for academic content and language quality)

**Step 11** Final acceptance and charging of publication fee

**Step 12** Language editing

**Step 13** Production

**Step 14** Proofreading by Scientific Editor

**Step 15** Proofreading by Deputy Editor

**Step 16** Final review by Editor-in-Chief

**Step 17** Release of online open-access papers in electronic form on the BPG website

**Step 18** Release of online papers on PubMed Central

**Step 19** Delivery of high-quality PDF reprints to the author(s)

**Step 20** End of the publication process

#### **4 GUIDELINES FOR MANUSCRIPT PREPARATION, SUBMISSION, AND MANUSCRIPT FORMAT**

The following manuscript type will be published in the BPG series journals:

**4.1 Editorial.** Editorial board members are invited to make comments on an important topic in their field, regarding its current research status and future directions that will



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promote development of this discipline. The detailed writing requirements of Editorial can be found at: <https://www.wjgnet.com/bpg/GerInfo/214>

**4.2 Frontier.** Highly influential scientists are invited to write a Frontier article select a highly cited, cutting-edge original paper of his/her own and summarize the major findings, the problems that have been resolved and remain to be resolved, and the future research directions, in order to help readers understand his/her important academic point of view and perspectives on the directions of research in their field. The detailed writing requirements for the Frontier article can be found at: <https://www.wjgnet.com/bpg/GerInfo/216>

**4.3 Diagnostic Advances.** Highly influential scientists are invited to write about the most up-to-date, high-quality diagnostic advances in their field in order to improve the diagnostic skills of readers in topics covering the spectrum of general clinical diagnosis, differential diagnosis, pathological diagnosis, laboratory diagnosis, imaging diagnosis, endoscopic diagnosis, biotechnological diagnosis, functional diagnosis, and physical diagnosis. The detailed writing requirements for the Diagnostic Advances article can be found at: <https://www.wjgnet.com/bpg/GerInfo/197>

**4.4 Therapeutic Advances.** Highly influential scientists are invited to write a Therapeutic Advances article as a high-quality summary with perspectives on the most up-to-date therapeutic advances in their field in order to help improve the therapeutic skills of readers in topics covering the spectrum of medication therapy, psychotherapy, physical therapy, replacement therapy, interventional therapy, minimally invasive therapy, endoscopic therapy, transplantation therapy, and surgical therapy. The detailed writing





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requirements for the Therapeutic Advances article can be found at: <https://www.wjgnet.com/bpg/GerInfo/213>

**4.5 Field of Vision.** Highly influential scientists are invited to write a Field of Vision commentary on recent perspectives of seminal articles, on hot topic articles, or the latest articles in the research field in order to keep readers at the forefront of research and increase the impact of their clinical research. Seminal (classic) articles are papers that are included in the Web of Knowledge and which have received a large number of citations (ranking in the top 1%) after being published for more than 3 years, reflecting the article's quality and impact on the field. Hot topic articles are papers that are included in the Web of Knowledge and have received a large number of citations after being published for no more than 2 years, reflecting their representation of cutting-edge trends in scientific research. Latest articles are the most recently published high-quality papers that are included in PubMed and which reflect the latest trends in the author's research field. In general, these commentary type articles will focus on the status quo of the overall research in the field, highlighting the most important research topics, the problems that have now been resolved and remain to be resolved, and the future research directions that may maximize the practical impact on a field. The basic information for the article that is the subject of these types of commentaries will be clearly stated at the beginning of the new article and will include author names, article title, journal name, year, volume, and inclusive page numbers. The detailed writing requirements for the Field of Vision article can be found at: <https://www.wjgnet.com/bpg/GerInfo/215>

**4.6 Minireview.** Highly influential scientists are invited to write a Minireview article on recent advances and trends in molecular biology, genomics, and related cutting-edge technologies to provide readers with the latest knowledge and to help improve their



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diagnostic and therapeutic skills. The detailed writing requirements for the Minireview article can be found at: <https://www.wjgnet.com/bpg/GerInfo/192>

**4.7 Review.** Highly influential scientists are invited to write a Review article that will focus on the status quo of the overall research in the field, highlighting the most important research topics, the problems that have now been resolved and remain to be resolved, and the future research directions that may maximize the practical impact on a field. The detailed writing requirements for the Review article can be found at: <https://www.wjgnet.com/bpg/GerInfo/217>

**4.8 Topic Highlight.** Highly influential scientists are invited to write a series of Topic Highlight articles. We identify these experts from the pool of authors with highly-cited publications; specifically, these are authors whose numbers of citations represent the top 1% over the past 10 years. Such a high number of citations can directly reflect the quality of the authored paper and the academic influence of the author. Commenting on and discussing a series of hot topic articles (7-10 articles) will help improve the diagnostic and therapeutic skills of readers. The detailed writing requirements for the Topic Highlight article can be found at: <https://www.wjgnet.com/bpg/GerInfo/186>

**4.9 Basic Study.** The Basic Study article can be submitted by any author and is written to describe and detail basic studies of novel and innovative findings in medical basic research. The detailed writing requirements for the Basic Study article can be found at: <https://www.wjgnet.com/bpg/GerInfo/218>

**4.10 Case Control Study.** The Case Control Study article can be submitted by any author and is structured as the identification of person/s with a disease of interest and a control



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(comparison, referent) group without the disease, followed by a description of the relationship of an attribute of the disease and its examination by comparative analysis of diseased vs non-diseased persons, with regard to the frequency or levels of the attribute in each group. The detailed writing requirements for the Case Control Study article can be found at: <https://www.wjgnet.com/bpg/GerInfo/195>

**4.11 Clinical Trials Study.** The Clinical Trials Study article can be submitted by any author and will describe a pre-planned study of the safety, efficacy, or optimum dosage schedule (if appropriate) of one or more diagnostic, therapeutic or prophylactic technique(s), device(s) or drug(s) selected according to predetermined criteria of eligibility and observed for predefined evidence of favorable and/or unfavorable effects. The detailed writing requirements for the Clinical Trials Study article can be found at: <https://www.wjgnet.com/bpg/GerInfo/196>

**4.12 Observational Study.** The Observational Study article can be submitted by any author and will describe a clinical study in which participants may receive diagnostic, therapeutic or other types of interventions, but the investigator does not assign participants to receive specific interventions (as in an interventional study). The detailed writing requirements for the Observational Study article can be found at: <https://www.wjgnet.com/bpg/GerInfo/200>

**4.13 Prospective Study.** The Prospective Study article can be submitted by any author and will describe an observational study of a population for a sufficient number of persons over a sufficient number of years to generate incidence and/or mortality rates subsequent to the selection of the study group. The detailed writing requirements for the Prospective Study article can be found at: <https://www.wjgnet.com/bpg/GerInfo/201>



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**4.14 Randomized Clinical Trial.** The Randomized Clinical Trial article can be submitted by any author and will describe a clinical trial in which the participants are assigned by chance to separate groups for comparison of different treatments; neither the researchers nor the participants can choose which group any individual is ultimately assigned to. Using chance to assign people to groups means that the groups will be similar and that the treatments they receive can be compared objectively. At the time of the trial, it is not known which treatment is best. Finally, study participation in a randomized trial is completely at the discretion of the patient. The detailed writing requirements for the Randomized Clinical Trial article can be found at: <https://www.wjgnet.com/bpg/GerInfo/202>

**4.15 Randomized Controlled Trial.** The Randomized Controlled Trial article can be submitted by any author and will describe a clinical trial that involves at least one test treatment and one control treatment, concurrent enrollment and follow-up of the test- and control-treated groups, and in which the treatments to be administered are selected/assigned by a random process, such as the use of a random-numbers table. The detailed writing requirements for the Randomized Controlled Trial article can be found at: <https://www.wjgnet.com/bpg/GerInfo/209>

**4.16 Retrospective Cohort Study.** The Retrospective Cohort Study article can be submitted by any author and will describe a research study in which the medical records of groups of individuals who are alike in many ways but differ in a certain characteristic (for example, female nurses who smoke and those who do not smoke) are compared for a particular outcome (such as gastric cancer). The detailed writing requirements for the Retrospective Cohort Study article can be found at: <https://www.wjgnet.com/bpg/GerInfo/210>



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**4.17 Retrospective Study.** The Retrospective Study article can be submitted by any author and will describe a study to test etiologic hypotheses by which inferences about an exposure to putative causal factors are derived from data relating to characteristics of persons under study or to events or experiences in their past. The essential feature of the retrospective study is that some of the persons under study have the disease or outcome of interest and their characteristics are compared with those of unaffected persons. The detailed writing requirements for the Retrospective Study article can be found at: <https://www.wjgnet.com/bpg/GerInfo/211>

**4.18 Evidence-Based Medicine.** The Evidence-Based Medicine article can be submitted by any author and will describe an approach of practicing medicine with the goal to evaluate and improve patient care. These articles require the judicious integration of the best research evidence with patient values to help guide decisions in medical care and aim to help physicians in making proper diagnoses, devising the best testing strategies, choosing the best treatments and/or methods of disease prevention, and developing guidelines for large groups of patients with the same disease. The detailed writing requirements for the Evidence-Based Medicine article can be found at: <https://www.wjgnet.com/bpg/GerInfo/198>

**4.19 Systematic Review.** The Systematic Review article can be submitted by any author and will summarize the recent and comprehensive published material on a particular subject, without bias. The degree of comprehensiveness may vary (from broad to narrow) according to the time range of material scrutinized, but the systematic reviews that are most often desired for publication focus on the current literature. The textual material examined for systematic reviews may be equally broad or narrow and can encompass, for medicine-related topics specifically, clinical material as well as experimental research or



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case reports. State-of-the-art reviews tend to address more current matters. The Systematic Review article must be distinguishable from a HISTORICAL ARTICLE on the same subject, but a review of the historical literature is also within the scope of this publication type. The detailed writing requirements for the Systematic Review article can be found at: <https://www.wjgnet.com/bpg/GerInfo/203>

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**4.21 Scientometrics.** The Scientometrics article can be submitted by any author and will describe a study that measures and analyzes science research. In practice, scientometrics is often carried out using bibliometrics (a measurement of the impact of (scientific) publications). The detailed writing requirements for the Scientometrics article can be found at: <https://www.wjgnet.com/bpg/GerInfo/212>

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