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JDR Clinical & Translational operates a conventional single-anonymized review policy in which the reviewer's name is always concealed from the submitting Author. All manuscripts are reviewed initially by the Editor and only those papers that meet the scientific aim and scope and editorial standards of the *Journal* will be sent for outside review. Each original manuscript is reviewed by at least two reviewers.

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- b. Drafted the article or revised it critically for important intellectual content,
- c. Approved the version to be published.

Authors should meet the conditions of all points above. Each author should have participated sufficiently in the work to take public responsibility for the manuscript. These individuals should fully meet the criteria for authorship as stated in the Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals, put forth by the ICMJE. The *Journal* considers the following as an accurate definition of contributorship:

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Because readers may infer their endorsement of the data and conclusions, these persons must give written permission to be acknowledged.

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- Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Reports must follow the [INAHTA](#) or [CHEERS](#) checklist. The checklist needs to be completed by authors submitting HTA reports.
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- Authors of randomized clinical trials are required to register their clinical trials in a public trial registry. Authors of manuscripts describing such studies are asked to submit the name of the registry and the study registration number prior to publication. Authors are asked to include

their clinical trial registration number at the end of their abstracts. In accordance with the aforementioned “Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals,” clinical trials will only be considered for publication if they are registered. The trial registry name, registry URL and registration number must be included at the end of the abstract.

- Non-randomized study designs require completion and submission of the appropriate STROBE checklist (<http://www.strobe-statement.org/index.php?id=available-checklists>).
- For epidemiologic reports on population estimates of health conditions, the [GATHER checklist](#) must be completed and submitted.
- Multi-methods Research studies must follow the [MMAT 2011](#) checklist. The checklist needs to be completed by authors submitting mixed methods reports.
- Qualitative studies must follow the [SRQR](#) guidelines. [The checklist](#) needs to be completed by authors submitting qualitative studies.
- Systematic reviews and meta-analyses must follow the [PRISMA](#) checklist. The checklist needs to be completed by authors submitting reports on systematic reviews and meta-analyses.

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Authors may want to use the following *Journal* approved databases:

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EMBL: www.ebi.ac.uk/embl/Submission/index.html

DDBJ: www.ddbj.nig.ac.jp/index-e.html

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MIAME: www.mged.org/Workgroups/MIAME/miame.html

ArrayExpress: www.ebi.ac.uk/arrayexpress

GEO: www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo

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Original Report Categories:

- a. Epidemiologic Research, including Randomized Clinical Trials – 4,000 maximum word limit
 - i. Randomized clinical trials must follow **CONSORT** guidelines. Completed checklists must be uploaded at the time of submission.
 - ii. non-randomized study designs require completion and submission of the appropriate **STROBE** checklists.
 - iii. For epidemiologic reports on population estimates of health conditions, the **GATHER** checklist must be completed and submitted.
- b. Health Services Research – 4,000 maximum word limit
- c. Economic Research (including cost-effectiveness; willingness to pay, costbenefit, etc.) – 4,000 maximum word limit
 - i. Economic Research reports must follow the CHEERS checklist. Completed checklists must be uploaded at the time of submission.
- d. Health Technology Assessment Reports – 8,000 maximum word limit
 - i. Health Technology Assessment Reports must follow the **INAHTA** or **CHEERS** checklist. Completed checklists must be uploaded at the time of submission.
- e. multi-methods Research– 8,000 maximum word limit*
 - i. multi-methods Research must follow the **MMAT** 2011 checklist. Completed checklists must be uploaded at the time of submission.
- f. Qualitative Research – 8,000 maximum word limit
 - i. Qualitative studies must follow the **SRQR** reporting guidelines. Completed checklists must be uploaded at the time of submission.
- g. Participatory Research – 5,000 maximum word limit

* If you would like to submit a multi-methods Research report that has more than 8,000 words, you must correspond with and receive permission from the Editor prior to submission. Inclusion of written permission from Editor will be required at the time of submission.

Review Manuscripts: These systematic reviews & meta-analyses have a 5,000 maximum word limit including introductions, materials and methods, results and discussion. Abstracts, acknowledgements, figure legends and references are not included in the word limits. Each Review must contain a 300-word abstract. All manuscripts submitted to the journal, require an abstract that is structured with the appropriate headings as shown in the PubMed guidance. Figures or tables are limited to a total of 5. A maximum of 50 references are allowed.

a. Systematic Reviews and meta-analyses must follow the **PRISMA** checklist. Completed checklists must be uploaded at the time of submission.

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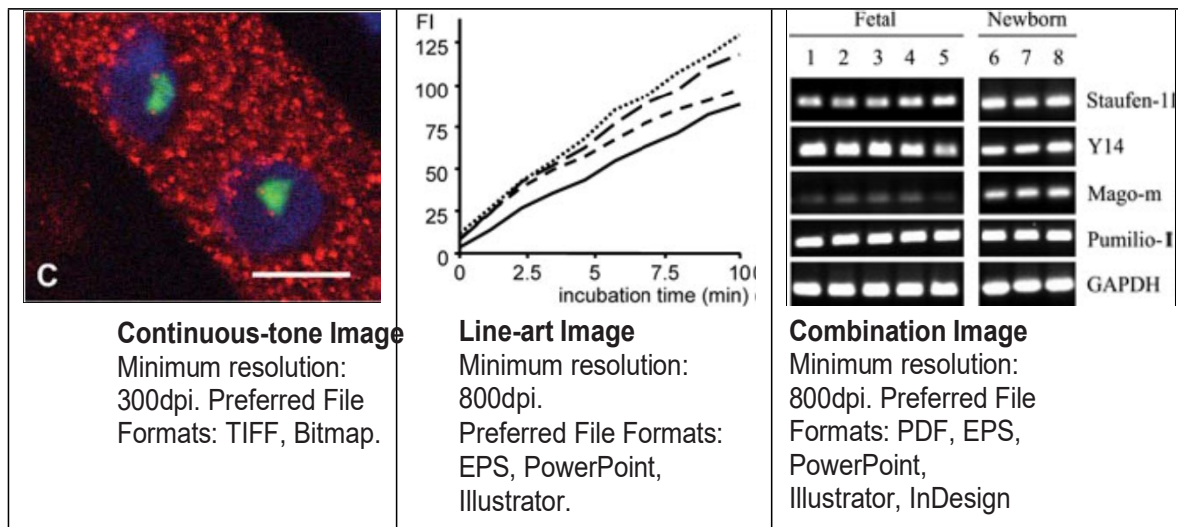
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- Preferably, authors shouldn't label separate parts as "Appendix 1", "Appendix 2", etc.; just use section heads as in a regular article.

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