

Movement Disorders Clinical Practice

Article Types and Length Requirements

Given below are the types of articles and the word count guidelines for all MDCP submissions. The word count excludes the title page, abstract, tables, acknowledgements and contributions, and the references.

1) Clinical Research Articles

Clinical Research Articles must present important and substantial new material. Articles should be of direct relevance to clinical practice. Drug trials (including negative drug trials) are considered as well.

Word count: 3,000 words maximum

Abstract: 250 words (structured)

Tables/Illustrations: not to exceed 8 total

References: 40

Videos are encouraged. We allow two videos files lasting not more than two and a half minutes each. Within each video file connected and continually playing segments are allowed. In exceptional cases, a longer segment may be considered with prior permission of one of the editors.

2) Case Reports and Case Series

Topics suitable for presentation for short reports include single case or case series which illustrate new phenomena, or original clinical research.

Word count: 800 words (Case Report), 1,500 words (Case Series)

Abstract: No abstract for a Case Report; 150 words, non-structured abstract for Case Series

Tables/Illustrations: up to 1 of each is permissible

References: 10

Videos are strongly encouraged. We allow one video file lasting not more than two and a half minutes for a case report. For case series we allow two videos files lasting not more than two and a half minutes each. Within each video file connected and continually playing segments are allowed.

3) Reviews

Reviews will generally be solicited by the Editor and are subjected to a review process. Authors wishing to submit a review should seek prior advice of the Editor. Evidence Based Reviews are included in this section. We encourage authors to include, in boxes, bulleted points of the main messages of the Review.

Word count: 5,000 words maximum

Abstract: 250 words

Tables/Illustrations: not to exceed 5

References: 40

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4) Editorials and Viewpoints

Editorials will generally be solicited by the Editor and are subjected to a review process. Authors wishing to submit an editorial should seek the advice of the Editor in advance. However, *Viewpoints* related to any aspect of movement disorders may be submitted without solicitation.

Word count: 1,500 words.

No Abstract

Tables/Illustrations: 1 table or 1 figure

References: 25

5) Clinical Vignettes (with Commentary)

These are interesting cases not necessarily original but with a message with regard differential diagnosis or imaging or a treatment aspect which is to be highlighted (i.e postural tremor in a patient with absent reflexes). No more than four authors. These clinical vignettes mainly based in a video segment may have a commentary by an expert in the area. Additional material, e.g. video clips and sound files, is recommended.

Word count: 500 words

No Abstract

No Tables/Illustrations

References: 5

We allow one video file lasting not more than two and a half minutes. Within the video file connected and continually playing segments are allowed.

6) Video illustrations of phenomenology of MD

Videos illustrating phenomenology of movement disorders (i.e different forms of myoclonus) with an educational multiple choice question. Correct answers for the multiple choice question and explanation to be provided (with references). This may be solicited by the editors or non-solicited. Authors wishing to submit a phenomenology video should seek the advice of the Editor in advance. No more than four authors.

Word count: 300 words

No Abstract

We allow one video file lasting not more than two and a half minutes. Within the video file connected and continually playing segments are allowed.

7) Revealing Images/Investigations

Revealing *Images/Investigations* are interesting, previously unpublished photomicrographs, patient photographs, neuroradiologic images, or other pictorial material. For example, these could be novel or unique imaging including MRI, DAT Scans, DTI or other and also for example EMG video recording or even video of microrecordings from functional surgery accompanied by a paragraph of explanation. Authors may choose to include one multiple choice question along with a list of possible answers, including an indication and explanation of the correct answer. No more than four authors.

Self-explanatory legend up to 200 words

References: 2

8) Interactive online Grand Rounds

Multimedia cases – Interactive platform which drives the reader from phenomenology through differential diagnostics and final diagnostic with the use of 4 steps of multiple choice questions followed by comprehensive responses. This feature may be presented simultaneously at the MDS Website as case of the month.

Word count: 1,500 words

Tables/Illustrations: not to exceed 4

References: 5

We allow two videos files lasting not more than two and a half minutes each. Within each video file connected and continually playing segments are allowed.

9) Clinicopathological Cases

These are cases with pathological diagnosis. The article should have illustrative clinical report and post-mortem or other diagnostic pathology with good illustration. Authors will prepare the case including the pathological findings. Editors will select a discussant to provide educative commentary

Word count: 1,500 words for the case; 500 words for the discussant

Tables/Illustrations: not to exceed 3

References: 15

We allow two videos files lasting not more than two and a half minutes each. Within each video file connected and continually playing segments are allowed.

10) How do I?

The Editors will solicit from experts in the field educational video illustrated algorithm about a particular movement disorder topic regarding a clinical approach or investigations/diagnosis/treatment (for example: *How do I examine a patient with a tremor disorder?*).

This is a multimedia video-based article. We allow one video file lasting not more than five minutes.

11) Hot topics

This is a report of breakthrough findings published elsewhere which deserve a comment in the journal. These may be solicited or unsolicited.

Word count: 500 words

No Abstract

References: 5

12) Historical notes

Interesting old tapes/videos, sound recordings, photographs or seminal historical papers previously published commented by the author.

Word count: 500 words

No abstract

Tables/Illustrations: not to exceed 3

References: 5

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13) Letters

Letters in response to articles published in MDCP are welcome. Letters containing original research which is not covered by any of the topics mentioned above will also be considered. Note that proofs of Letters will not be sent to the authors.

Word count: 500 words

Tables/Illustrations: 1 table or 1 figure

References: 5