

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS SUBMITTING MANUSCRIPTS FOR PUBLICATION IN SCRIPTA MEDICA**

### **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

1. *SCRIPTA MEDICA* is a scientific journal published mainly in the English language by the Faculty of Medicine, Masaryk University in Brno; 6 issues are published annually.
2. Primarily, original scientific papers not exceeding 20 manuscript pages including figures, tables and plates can be accepted. Case reports, personal columns, information on activities of the Faculty and associated biological and medical societies and relevant book reviews may also be included. With the approval of the editorial board, review articles, historical overviews and paper longer than 20 manuscript pages may exceptionally be accepted. Short papers can be published as preliminary communications.
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7. The procedures followed in all experiments or trials, concerned with either human or animal subjects, should conform to both international and local ethical standards.
8. Original papers and preliminary communications are published in English; the title and abstract of these papers should also be provided in the Czech language. Abstracts of papers presented at student scientific conferences or information concerning the agenda of biological and medical societies may be published in Czech, the titles, however, must also appear in English. Only papers reviewed by an English language editor will be accepted.
9. The manuscript should involve the following sections:
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  - g) Introduction.
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  - i) Results.
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  - o) Tables and figures (illustrations, graphs, diagrams, drawings, photographs, etc.).
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#### b) No author's name given

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#### c) Corporate author

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#### d) Journal supplement

Frumin AM, Nussbaum J, Esposito M. Functional asplenia: demonstration of splenic activity by bone marrow scan (Abstract). *Blood* 1979; 54 (Suppl 1): 26a.

#### e) Journals paginated by issue

Seaman WB. The case of the pancreatic pseudocysts. *Hosp. Pract.* 1981; 16 (Sep): 24–5.

### *Books and other monographs:*

#### f) Person as author(s)

Eisen HN. *Immunology: an introduction to molecular and cellular principles of the immune response*. 5th ed. New York:Harper and Row, 1974: 406pp.

#### g) Editors as authors

Dausset J, Colabani J, eds. *Histocompatibility testing* 1972. Copenhagen: Munksgaard, 1973:128pp.

#### h) Chapter in book

Weinstein L, Swartz MN. Pathogenic properties of invading microorganisms. In: Sodeman WA Jr, Sodeman WA, eds. *Pathologic physiology: mechanisms of*

- disease. Philadelphia: EB Saunders, 1974: 145–72.
- i) Paper published in proceedings  
DuPont B. Bone marrow transplantation in severe combined immunodeficiency with an unrelated MLC compatible donor. In: White HJ, Smith AR, eds. Proceedings of the third annual meeting of the International Society for Experimental Hematology, Houston:International Society for Experimental Hematology, 1974: 44–6.
  - j) Monograph in a series Hunninghake GW, Gadek JE, Szapiel SV et al. The human alveolar macrophage, In: Harris CC., ed. Cultured human cells and tissues in biochemical research. New York: Academic Press, 1980: 54–6. (Stoner GD, ed. Methods and perspectives in cell biology; vol 1.)
  - k) Agency publication (named author) Ranolfsky AL. Surgical operations in short-stay hospitals. United States – 1975. Hyattsville, Maryland: National Center for Health Statistics, 1978; DHEW publication no. (PHS)78–1785. (Vital and health statistics; series 13; no 34.)
  - l) Agency publication (no author) U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The health consequences of smoking for women: a report of the surgeon general. Washington, D.C.:US Government Printing Office, 1983.
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