

Spine Deformity Instructions for Authors

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Quick Start Guide

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Checklist for Authors

If your submission does not adhere to the following points, please revise before submission

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- ✓ All Clinical, Randomised trials, Case Series and other prospective studies are required to follow the CONSORT guidelines for reporting and include a CONSORT flowchart in the manuscript text as a part of their submission. [Details available here.](#)
- ✓ Observational studies should employ a STROBE flowchart with their submission. [Details available here.](#)
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- ✓ All x-rays and photos should be anonymized.
- ✓ In Major and Minor revision submissions:
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GENERAL INFORMATION

- All manuscripts should be submitted online at <https://www2.cloud.editorialmanager.com/sdef/default2.aspx> following the on-screen instructions.
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- All submissions must be completely blinded for the review process and any identifying information must be removed. This includes any mention of the institutional name or geographic location as well as names or initials of those associated with the study or included in an acknowledgement. The manuscript can be anonymized in Word utilizing the Text Highlight Color tab in the Font menu, by highlighting the text to be anonymized in black, obscuring it.

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- A separate [Title Page](#) should be submitted, containing title, author names, affiliations, and the contact information of the corresponding author. Any acknowledgements, disclosures, or funding information should also be included on this page;
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Submission of a manuscript implies: that the work described has not been published before; that it is not under consideration for publication anywhere else; that its publication has been approved by all co-authors, if any, as well as by the responsible authorities – tacitly or explicitly – at the institute where the work has been carried out. The publisher will not be held legally responsible should there be any claims for compensation.

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The journal limits the number of authors to 24. The role of all authors is to be stated in a table after the title page. The order and inclusion should be decided by consensus among the authors themselves and acknowledged in writing.

Individuals who contribute cases and or effort to the process but do not meet the criteria for authorship (see “Authorship principles”) should be identified as "contributors" and acknowledged at the end of the manuscript together with their contribution.

Revised submissions

Authors’ comments to the reviewers are required for revised submissions, and should be blinded. Authors must address all the reviewer's concerns/suggestions, whether the change is made or not. Authors must also highlight all changes made within the text. Do not track the additions or deletions to the manuscript. Reviewers’ comments and author responses need to be placed at the beginning of the manuscript

Types of Articles

Spine Deformity will only publish studies that have institutional review board (IRB) or similar ethics committee approval for human and animal studies and have strictly observed these guidelines. The minimum follow-up period for follow-up clinical studies and case reports is 24 months.

- **Original Articles**

Should be no longer than 2700 words of text, excluding the abstract and references.

Types of original articles:

- Case Series
- Biomechanics
- Basic Science

Case series must state if it is a prospective or retrospective study, if it is a consecutive series or not, and if not, how were the patients selected. The latter is critical for multicenter studies.

Randomised trials / prospective studies are required to follow the CONSORT guidelines for reporting. [Details available here.](#)

Observational / cohort / case – control studies are required to follow the STROBE guidelines for reporting. [Details available here.](#)

- **Case Report**

Should be no more than 750 words of text. The manuscript should be succinct and informative reporting on a specific case, or a series of related cases. All Case Reports must have a Structured Abstract and references.

- **Review Articles / State of Arts Review (SAR)**

The purpose of the SAR is to provide a thorough and critical review of the existing clinical and scientific literature on topics that are priorities to our community of healthcare providers and others who have an interest or manage patients with spinal deformity. The reviews will summarize the best level of current information in the literature on specific topics with the intent of guiding an evidence-based approach to care. The review of the topic should be comprehensive, objective, critical, unbiased and based exclusively on the published literature, all controversies having a balanced discussion as the literature is critically evaluated. The reviews will be written by senior authors who have contributed significantly to the literature on the topic and include a discussion that will serve to guide an evidence-based approach to care. SAR manuscripts should not be more than 4,000 words of text, excluding abstract and references.

All Review articles should include the appropriate PRISMA flowchart. Details and examples are available at the [PRISMA website](#).

Review articles go through the regular review process and article that meet the SAR guidelines will be reviewed by the Editor-in-Chief and the SAR Deputy Editors.

Summary of Word Limits & Abstract Type

Word Limits do not include abstract and reference list.

| Article Type | Word Limit | Preferred Table & Figure Cap | Other Notes |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------------------------|--|
| Original Article / Trial | 2,700 | 4 tables, 6 figures | Structured abstract. CONSORT/ STROBE Flowchart |
| Case Report | 750 | 2 tables, 4 figures | Title must include diagnosis, structured abstract. |
| Review/ State of Art Review | 4,000 | 4 tables, 10 figures | Structured abstract. PRISMA Flowchart. |
| Letter to the Editor | 500 | 0 | Limit of 6 references |

Manuscript Style

Pattern manuscript style after the *American Medical Association Manual of Style* (10th edition). *Stedman's Medical Dictionary* (27th edition) and *Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary* (10th edition) should be used as standard references. Refer to drugs and therapeutic agents by their accepted

generic or chemical names, and do not abbreviate them. Use code numbers only when a generic name is not yet available. In that case, supply the chemical name and a figure giving the chemical structure of the drug.

Capitalize the trade names of drugs and place them in parentheses after the generic names. To comply with trademark law, include the name and location (city and state in USA; city and country outside USA) of the manufacturer of any drug, supply, or equipment mentioned in the manuscript. Use the metric system to express the units of measure and degrees Celsius to express temperatures, and SI units rather than conventional units.

Terms

- The accepted nomenclature of the journal follows the Revised Glossary of Terms of the SRS which can be accessed at <https://www.srs.org/Education/Glossary>
- Do not use the term hardware. Acceptable terms include implants and instrumentation. The use of the terms constructs or montage may be used if the reference is to a particular pattern of fixation points for the instrumentation.
- Blood loss should be reported as cc. as well as the percentage of the Estimated Blood Volume (%EBV) to express blood loss related to the patient's weight.
- When evaluating kyphosis, as the normal kyphosis is a range, flexibility and correction of kyphosis cannot be expressed as a percentage but must be expressed in degrees.

Statistical guidelines

1. All numbers in the manuscript to be to one decimal place except for p values, odds ratio and confidence interval.
2. Please report the statistical package(s) you use (if any) and the version #.
3. For studies with small n, please report both %'s and n's.
4. Please report 95% confidence intervals for point estimates.
5. In addition to reporting p-values, also report the statistical test coefficient, so for example for a correlation, please indicate a Pearson correlation $r=.xx$, $p=.yy$; for a t-test, report the means for the 2 groups and $t=x.xx$, $df=zz$, $p=.yy$. Please indicate if you are reporting 1-tail or 2-tail significance levels. If a power analysis was performed please report that.

6. Please do not over-interpret non-significant findings. If there is a "non-significant" finding, then the power or the Beta error should be given so that the reader can determine whether the "non-significant" finding was not a chance occurrence.

7. Where appropriate, please report the validity and/or reliability of the instruments or measurements you are using.

Title Page

Please make sure your title page contains the following information:

Title

The title should be concise and informative.

Author information

- The name(s) of the author(s)
- The affiliation(s) of the author(s), i.e. institution, (department), city, (state), country
- A clear indication and an active e-mail address of the corresponding author
- If available, the 16-digit [ORCID](#) of the author(s)

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Details on authorship guidelines is [found in that section](#).

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Adherence to ethical policies should be summarized in a statement and included on **a title page that is separate from the manuscript** with a section entitled “**Declarations**” when submitting a paper. Having all statements in one place allows for a consistent and unified review of the information by the Editor-in-Chief and/or peer reviewers and may speed up the handling of the paper. Declarations include Funding, Competing interests, Ethics approval, Consent, Data, Materials and/or Code availability and Authors’ contribution statements. **Please use the title page for providing the statements.**

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When all authors have the same (or no) competing interests and/or funding it is sufficient to use one blanket statement.

1) Examples of statements to be used when funding has been received:

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- The authors did not receive support from any organization for the submitted work.
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- No funding was received for conducting this study.

- No funds, grants, or other support was received.

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Authors are responsible for correctness of the statements provided in the manuscript. See also Authorship Principles. The Editor-in-Chief reserves the right to reject submissions that do not meet the guidelines described in this section.

Structured Abstract

Please provide a structured abstract of 150 to 250 words which should be divided into the following sections:

- Purpose (stating the main purposes and research question)
- Methods
- Results
- Conclusion

For registered studies only (when applicable)

- Trial registration number and date of registration for prospectively registered trials
- Trial registration number and date of registration followed by “retrospectively registered”, for retrospectively registered trials

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Please provide 4 to 6 keywords which can be used for indexing purposes.

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Reference citations in the text should be identified by numbers in square brackets. Some examples:

1. Negotiation research spans many disciplines [3].
2. This result was later contradicted by Becker and Seligman [5].
3. This effect has been widely studied [1-3, 7].

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The entries in the list should be numbered consecutively.

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Gamelin FX, Baquet G, Berthoin S, Thevenet D, Nourry C, Nottin S, Bosquet L (2009) Effect of high intensity intermittent training on heart rate variability in prepubescent children. *Eur J Appl Physiol* 105:731-738. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00421-008-0955-8>

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Smith J, Jones M Jr, Houghton L et al (1999) Future of health insurance. *N Engl J Med* 965:325–329

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- Book

South J, Blass B (2001) *The future of modern genomics*. Blackwell, London

- Book chapter

Brown B, Aaron M (2001) The politics of nature. In: Smith J (ed) *The rise of modern genomics*, 3rd edn. Wiley, New York, pp 230-257

- Online document

Cartwright J (2007) Big stars have weather too. IOP Publishing PhysicsWeb. <http://physicsweb.org/articles/news/11/6/16/1>. Accessed 26 June 2007

- Dissertation

Trent JW (1975) *Experimental acute renal failure*. Dissertation, University of California
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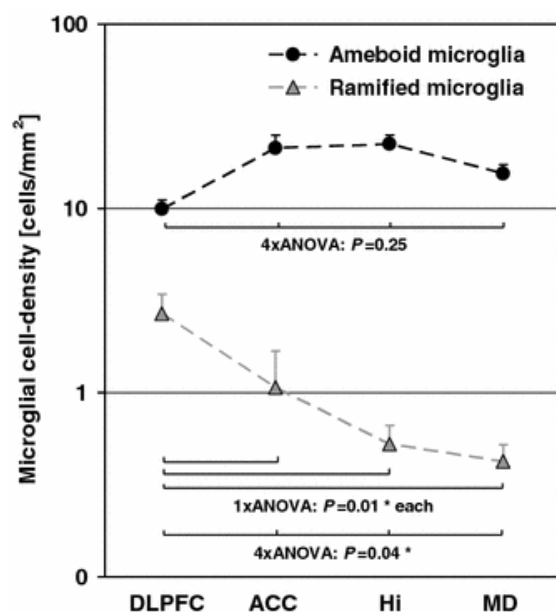
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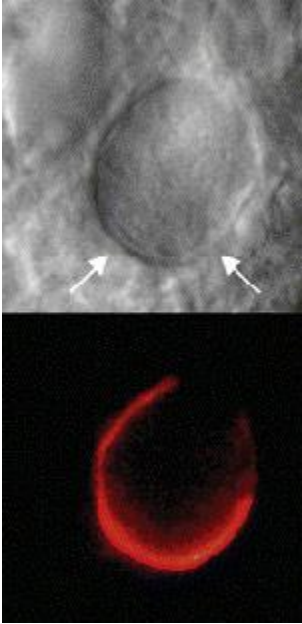
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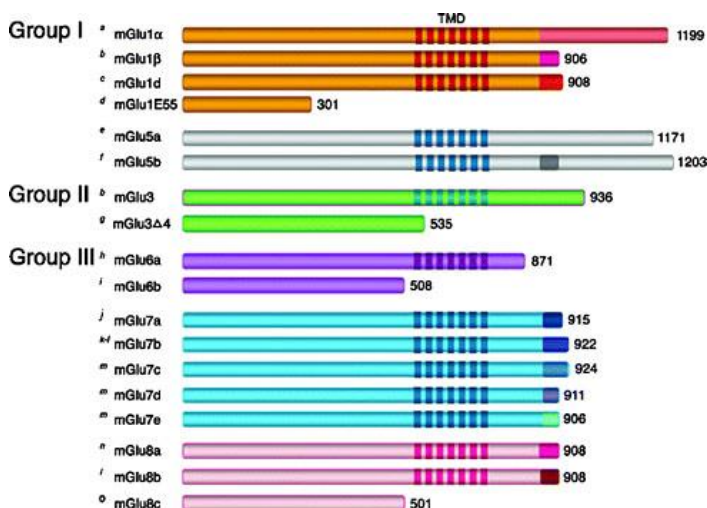
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- Color art is free of charge for print and online publication.
- Color illustrations should be submitted as RGB.

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- Do not include titles or captions within your illustrations.

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- All figures are to be numbered using Arabic numerals.
- Figures should always be cited in text in consecutive numerical order.
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- If an appendix appears in your article and it contains one or more figures, continue the consecutive numbering of the main text. Do not number the appendix figures, "A1, A2, A3, etc." Figures in online appendices [Supplementary Information (SI)] should, however, be numbered separately.

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- Each figure should have a concise caption describing accurately what the figure depicts. Include the captions in the text file of the manuscript, not in the figure file.
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- Patterns are used instead of or in addition to colors for conveying information (color-blind users would then be able to distinguish the visual elements)
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Spine Deformity accepts electronic multimedia files (animations, movies, audio, etc.) and other supplementary files to be published online along with an article or a book chapter. This feature can add dimension to the author's article, as certain information cannot be printed or is more convenient in electronic form.

Before submitting research datasets as Supplementary Information, authors should read the journal's Research data policy. We encourage research data to be archived in data repositories wherever possible.

Submission

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- Please include in each file the following information: article title, journal name, author names; affiliation and e-mail address of the corresponding author.

- To accommodate user downloads, please keep in mind that larger-sized files may require very long download times and that some users may experience other problems during downloading.
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- Aspect ratio: 16:9 or 4:3
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- Minimum video duration: 1 sec
- Supported file formats: avi, wmv, mp4, mov, m2p, mp2, mpg, mpeg, flv, mxf, mts, m4v, 3gp

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- Submit your material in PDF format; .doc or .ppt files are not suitable for long-term viability.
- A collection of figures may also be combined in a PDF file.

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- Spreadsheets should be submitted as .csv or .xlsx files (MS Excel).

Specialized Formats

- Specialized format such as .pdb (chemical), .wrl (VRML), .nb (Mathematica notebook), and .tex can also be supplied.

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- It is possible to collect multiple files in a .zip or .gz file.

Numbering

- If supplying any supplementary material, the text must make specific mention of the material as a citation, similar to that of figures and tables.
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- Name the files consecutively, e.g. “ESM_3.mpg”, “ESM_4.pdf”.

Captions

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Accessibility

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