

## Manuscript Formatting

Manuscripts that fail to adhere to the page limits and formatting guidelines herein will be returned without review.

The manuscript should be prepared in accordance with the most recent Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, including the formatting of tables, figures, metrics and the use of abbreviations, numbers and symbols. The only exception to this is that Prevention Science prefers all tables and figures be placed at the end of the manuscript after the references section.

## Paper Length Limits

Page limits are INCLUSIVE of title page, abstract, references, tables, figures and Compliance with Ethical Standards section.

- Original Articles – 30 pages
- Brief Reports – 15 pages
- Editorials and Commentaries – 12 pages
- Systematic Reviews and meta-analyses - 30 pages. Authors of systematic reviews and meta-analyses that require additional pages should request an exception to the typical 30-page limit (e.g., 38-40 pages) in the cover letter when submitting the manuscript for review. Such exceptions to the page limit are granted on a case-by-case basis. Authors can make use of supplementary material for supporting information to their review.

Review your submission for these elements, which should be in the following order:

- Title Page (on a separate page listing the title of the paper and all authors with their academic or professional affiliations.)

- Abstract with keywords (on a separate page)
- Manuscript body text
- Declarations

Prevention Science prefers declarations be placed, not on the title page, but rather directly following the conclusion/discussion section in the body of the text, and just before the references section.

All manuscripts must include the following declarations under the heading "Compliance with Ethical Standards": If any of the declarations are not relevant to your manuscript, please include the heading and write 'Not applicable' for that declaration:

- **Funding** (information that explains whether and by whom the research was supported)
- **Ethics approval** (include appropriate approvals or waivers)
- **Conflicts of interest/Competing interests** (include appropriate disclosures)
- **Consent to participate** (include appropriate statements)

Please see the relevant sections in the main submission guidelines for further information on these declarations as well as various examples of wording. Please revise/customize the sample statements according to your own needs.

- References
- Tables and figures

## Reporting Guidelines

Prevention Science requires a completed CONSORT 2010 checklist and flow diagram when submitting articles that report the results of a randomized trial.

Templates can be found on the CONSORT website [<http://www.consort-statement.org>], which also describes CONSORT checklist extensions for different designs, such as cluster randomized trials. At a minimum, your article should report the content addressed by each item on the checklist. Meeting these basic reporting requirements will greatly improve the value of your trial report, may facilitate, and/or enhance the peer review process, and may enhance the chance for eventual publication of your report.

Articles reporting Systematic Reviews and meta-analyses should be submitted with a completed PRISMA checklist and flow diagram. Templates can be found at <http://www.prisma-statement.org/>

CONSORT or PRISMA checklists should be submitted as a supplementary file. However, CONSORT or PRISMA flow diagrams should be submitted as part of the paper, as a figure. The journal strongly encourages adherence to the eight Transparency and Openness Promotion guidelines, regarding design and analysis. Specifically, authors should state whether data, code, and materials are available and, if so, where to access them. The journal also strongly encourages preregistration and preanalysis plans, as well as (Type 1) data-sharing and data citation. Additional background information on the Transparency and Openness Promotion guidelines are available at <https://cos.io/our-services/top-guidelines/> and information on data sharing may be found on [springer.com](http://springer.com)

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