

# Summary of Research Articles (SRAs)

## Overview

A **Summary of Research Article (SRA)** is a standalone summary of a source article previously published in an Adis journal, or in a journal from another publisher. The SRA allows the key information to be understood more quickly and by a wider audience than that intended for the source article. It should provide a balanced and accurate representation of the study findings/source article: nothing key from the source article should be left out and new content not previously included in the source article should not be added in.

SRAs must be a **maximum of 4 PDF pages** (more detail provided in ‘Word count and formatting’ section). This shorter format is essential to better engage a wider, less-specialised audience of healthcare professionals with the scientific content and implications of the source article, considering their limited familiarity with the subject area and time constraints.

All Adis journals can consider SRAs for publication. The SRA will usually be based on an original research source article; SRAs based on other source article types will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

## Pre-Submission Enquiries

We strongly encourage pre-submission enquiries for SRAs: please contact [adisjournals@springernature.com](mailto:adisjournals@springernature.com) copying Clare Cook ([clare.cook@springernature.com](mailto:clare.cook@springernature.com)) with information regarding the source article and the proposed authors. We will then confirm which journals are interested in welcoming the SRA for peer review.

## Intended readership

SRAs should be written for a readership that is less specialised than that intended for the source article. They are **primarily intended for healthcare professionals (HCPs)** who are non-specialists in the specific subject area of the source article, but they may also be of interest to other readers seeking a brief and easily understandable summary. Jargon, abbreviations, data-heavy tables and complex graphs should be avoided, while medical/scientific precision should be maintained.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Examples:

“Stomach” or “Abdomen” (not “tummy”)

Not necessary to define common scientific terms such as “placebo”

“Initial light sleep stage” (not “stage N1 sleep”)

## Authorship

SRAs submitted to the Adis journals for consideration must include at least one author from the source publication.<sup>2</sup> Other authors not previously involved in the primary publication are permitted but must meet ICMJE criteria for authorship.

## Article details

- SRAs will preferably be graphic-based, or can be text-based with the inclusion of figures/tables.
- The title of the article must include the term “Summary of Research:” as the prefix, followed by the title of the source article being summarised.
- There should be a brief abstract which includes a statement explaining that this is a summary of the source article.
- The first sentence in the main text should also state that this is a summary of the source article, and should cite the source article.
- The source publication should be the **only reference**.
- The SRA should not recycle segments of text from the source article. SRAs will be screened with plagiarism software in the same way as any other article type.
- SRAs should not include a Plain Language Summary abstract, as the SRA itself is a summary in plain language.
- Colour combinations should enhance reader accessibility and not detract from the content.
- ‘Commentary’ should be selected as the article type at submission. This will be changed to ‘Summary of Research’ during production.
- SRAs published Open Access are published under CC BY-NC copyright.

## Word count and formatting:

- The final complete article should be a **maximum of 4 published PDF pages** in length. The Editor may suggest shortening sections of the SRA at any stage of the publication process if required in order to meet the 4 PDF page limit.

## Graphic-based SRAs:

- The graphic should be submitted as and will be formatted as a **single** figure that may span across multiple PDF pages once typeset
- A brief abstract should be provided (ideally no more than 200 words) which includes a statement that this is a summary of the source article.
- An introductory sentence should be included below the abstract stating that this is a summary of the source article and concluding with “Figure 1” (where Figure 1 is the graphic SRA)
- The graphic should include the title of the SRA and the names of the SRA authors
- There should also be a shortened reference to the source article at the end of the graphic (i.e. First author et al. Journal name, DOI [Year])
- The Adis logo and the Peer Reviewed stamp should be included in the graphic. These can be requested from the journal team prior to submission or can be added in by the journal team during production

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<sup>2</sup> Adis also publishes Adis-authored SRAs, selected and developed by the Editorial staff of Drugs & Therapy Perspectives: <https://www.springer.com/journal/40267>.

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- The graphic should be limited to a maximum of 17.2cm in width and a maximum of 46.4cm in height and will be split across approximately 2 PDF pages once typeset (each page has a maximum height of 23.2cm)
- The size of the text should be no smaller than 10 pts (including text within graphs/images)
- We would prefer to receive the graphic as a PDF.

#### Text-based SRAs:

- The maximum word count for text-based SRAs is 1000 words (including the abstract)
- Figures/tables should be included; the number included will lower the maximum word count accordingly
- If the SRA is text only, it should include Key Summary Points - a maximum of 4-5 single-sentence bullet points, positioned below the abstract, summarizing the paper.

#### **Acknowledgements:**

- The author Conflict of Interest section should contain the sentence “Please see original article for full author disclosures.” If there are any COIs to be included that differ from the source article these can be included following this sentence.
- Other article information requirements are as for a standard article in the journal, including Acknowledgements, Author information and Ethics declarations. Any funding or editorial assistance for the SRA should be declared. Further information on these requirements may be found in the relevant journal’s Submission Guidelines.

#### Permissions

We recommend that authors contact the publisher of the source article at the outset to seek permission to publish the SRA in an Adis journal. This should include request for permission for any re-use of specific content (e.g. figures) from the source article, either within the SRA, or in any digital features accompanying the SRA, and also permission for any adaptation made to these re-used elements if required.

#### Peer review

SRAs will undergo peer review conducted by at least two experts, who will be asked to confirm it is a complete and accurate summary and appropriate for the intended readership. Peer review timelines will be the standard journal timelines.

#### Fees

The standard fees of the journal publishing the SRA will apply. Please see the relevant journal website or check with the journal team.

#### Post-publication

All SRAs are published on SpringerLink and in a standard issue of the journal. In addition, SRAs are:

- included within a collection of all SRAs available on SpringerLink [available here](#)
- shared on social media by a dedicated Adis journal account
- listed in the indexing sites that the journal publishing the SRA is included in, such as PubMed, Google Scholar, etc (see journal home page for details).

Article metrics (accesses, citations and Altmetric score) are also available for each SRA. Please ask the journal team for further information.