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INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS

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ARTICLE TYPES ACCEPTED

Article type	Description	Abstract type	References	Figures and tables	Total Word pages*
Research articles	Present original research, in vivo or in vitro	Structured: Purpose/Materials & Methods/Results/Conclusion (max 250 words)	No limit	8	10
Case Reports/ Case series	Report of the presentation, treatment, and follow-up of an individual patient/patients	Non-structured	30	10	10
Reviews	Systematic reviews preferred, contact the editor before submitting a nonsystematic review	Structured for systematic reviews: Purpose/Methods/Results/Conclusion (max 250 words)	No limit	7	No limit

^{*}Text only (page count does not include title, references, tables, or figures)

MANUSCRIPT PREPARATION

Organization and basic formatting of the manuscript

Element	Description
Font	12-point, Times New Roman or 10-point, Arial
Line spacing	Double-spaced throughout
Margins	One inch (2.5 cm)
Page size	Letter (8 ½ x 11) inches
Page numbers	Start with the title page as page 1, placed on the lower right-hand corner
Line numbers	Do not use
Required layout	For research manuscripts and reviews: Title page (separate file, including conflict of interest declaration), Abstract, Introduction, Materials & Methods, Results, Discussion, Conclusion, Acknowledgments, References, Tables and Figure Legends, Tables. Figures and Supplementary Materials should be submitted as separate files (details below) For Case Reports and Case Series: Title page (separate file), Abstract, Introduction, Case Report/Case Series, Discussion, Conclusion, Acknowledgments, References, Table and Figure Legends, Tables. Figures and Supplementary Materials should be submitted as separate files (details below)
Heading style	First level: all caps, bold; Second level: Sentence case, bold and italics; Third level: Sentence case, italics; Fourth level: Not recommended.

Accepted file formats

Cover letter	.doc, .docx, .pdf
Manuscript body	.doc, .docx
Tables	.doc, .docx
Figures	preferred: .tiff, .eps, .pdf

Title page

The title page should be uploaded as a separate file and contain the following information:

- 1) The full title of the manuscript and manuscript type (report, research, review...)
- 2) A running title, not exceeding 60 letters including spaces
- 3) Authors' full names and authors' degrees and honorifics (i.e., DDS, MSc, Ph.D., FACP, etc.)
- 4) Authors' institutional affiliations including city and country, and Orcid numbers
- 5) The name, address, and e-mail address of the author responsible for correspondence about the manuscript
- 6) If the work has previously been presented, the name, place, and date of the meeting(s)
- 7) If any financial support was received, the grant/contract number, sponsor name, and city, state, and country location must be supplied. The information will be disclosed in the published article.
- 8) If an author has a conflict of interest, it should be reported. These include, for example, patent, ownership, employment, stock ownership, consultancies, or speaker's fee.
- 9) Detailed Author contributions

Abstract page

An abstract is required for all manuscripts and must precede the body of the manuscript. Abbreviations and references should not appear in the abstract. Research manuscripts must conform to the structured abstract format (see above).

Clinical reports manuscripts do not need a structured abstract. Abstracts cannot exceed 250 words. Following the abstract and on the same page, there should be 3-5 keywords.

Text

Research manuscripts should include the following sections: Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results, Discussion, Conclusion, Acknowledgments, and References. Other manuscripts should begin with two to five introductory paragraphs. The remainder of the manuscript should be divided into sections preceded by appropriate headings (i.e., "Case report, etc.). Please do not provide any information which identifies authors.

The <u>Introduction</u> should include the following: a description of the problem that inspired the study and what distinguishes it from previous research that investigated the same problem; a brief discussion of relevant published material that addressed the same problem or that documents methodology used in the study; and the goal of the study, the purpose statement, and null hypothesis.

The <u>Materials and Methods</u> section describes materials or subjects used and the methods selected to evaluate them, including information about the overall design, the nature of the sample studied, sample size, the type of interventions (or treatments) applied to the individual elements in the sample, and the principal outcome measure. Statistical methodology and rationale for sample size determination must be included in this section. Please note: All human subject research (including surveys) must include a statement of ethical or institutional review

board approval.

The <u>Results</u> section will be a clear statement of the findings and an evaluation of their validity based on the outcome of statistical tests. When reporting results of statistical tests, actual p values must be reported.

The <u>Discussion</u> section presents the research in its broader context, describes its clinical implications, identifies limitations or problems that emerged during the course of the study, characterizes the larger significance of the findings, and articulates any further questions remaining to be answered on the subject.

The <u>Conclusion</u> section includes only a brief and succinct summary of the findings.

An <u>Acknowledgement</u> section to thank anyone who contributed to the manuscript, but is not a listed author (i.e., statistician, copy-editor, dental technician, photographer, artist).

Style and formatting of the text

Authors are to use current dental nomenclature and are referred to ADA; *Glossary of Dental Clinical and Administrative Terms* for accepted terminology.

https://www.ada.org/en/publications/cdt/glossary-of-dental-clinical-and-administrative-terms

When a trading name must be used, cite parenthetically the trade name and the name, city, state (US companies) or city and country (non-US companies) of the manufacturer. Examples: (CEREC

4.4 Software; Dentsply Sirona, York, PA); (IPS e.max Press HT ingots, A2 shade; Ivoclar Vivadent, Schaan, Liechtenstein)

Measurements should be in the metric system.

Use the symbol × rather than the letter x as a multiplication sign.

Report the actual P values to 3 decimal places. For P values below 0.001 write < 0.001.

Report results to 2 decimal places.

When reporting data with the \pm sign, please use the spacing 123.45 \pm 6.78 μ m.

Do not italicize foreign words such as "in vivo" or "in vitro"

Use digits for most numbers appearing within the text, except at the start of a sentence, and when the use of the digit places an unnecessary emphasis on the number; or when "one" is used as a pronoun.

Minimize the use of subheadings in the text.

Editorial assistance to non-native English speakers

If English is not the native language of the authors, we suggest the authors have a native English speaker read and review the manuscript before submission. An English-speaking colleague can be an excellent resource. If no assistance is present who can help the authors, we recommend that the paper be professionally edited for the English language by a service such as;

Textcheck:

http://www.textcheck.com/text/page/index

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Please note that while this service will greatly improve the readability of your paper, it does not guarantee acceptance of your paper by the journal.

Citations and references

Number references consecutively in the order in which they are first mentioned in the text. Identify references in texts, tables, and legends by superscript Arabic numerals. Use the style of the examples below, which are based on the format Vancouver – NIH. For abbreviations of journals, consult

the 'List of the Journals Indexed' printed annually in the January issue of Index Medicus. Reference numbers should appear after punctuation marks, not before. Example: *These new hybrid ceramics resist chipping and cracking during milling and are less brittle than glass ceramics;* ³⁻⁵ the other advantages of hybrid ceramics are that they do not need post-firing, they are easily polished, and they allow easier completion of restorations. ⁶

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Journal article	Halpern SD, Ubel PA, Caplan AL. Solid-organ transplantation in HIV-infected patients. N Engl J Med. 2002 Jul 25;347(4):284-7
Journal article, 6 or more authors	Rose ME, Huerbin MB, Melick J, Marion DW, Palmer AM, Schiding JK, et al. Regulation of interstitial excitatory amino acid concentrations after cortical contusion injury. Brain Res. 2002;935(1-2):40-6.
Book	Gilstrap LC 3rd, Cunningham FG, VanDorsten JP, editors. Operative obstetrics. 2nd ed. New York: McGraw-Hill; 2002.
Chapter in a book	Meltzer PS, Kallioniemi A, Trent JM. Chromosome alterations in human solid tumors. In: Vogelstein B, Kinzler KW, editors. The genetic basis of human cancer. New York: McGraw-Hill; 2002. p. 93-113.
Masters or Ph.D. Thesis	Demirel G: Microleakage of Amalgam Restorations. Ankara, Ankara University Faculty of Dentistry, 2012.
Website	eatright.org [Internet]. Chicago: Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics; c2016 [cited 2016 Dec 27]. Available from: https://www.eatright.org/

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Tables and their legends should be positioned at the end of the manuscript text file and also should be submitted as separate files to the *dergipark* submission system. The tables should be numbered consecutively with Arabic numerals. Each table should be typed on a separate sheet. Include any necessary legends on the same page with the associated table. Do not submit tables as image files. Tables should be provided in a simple form, without style formatting, and the use of color.

Artwork/figures

The table below details typical images accepted by the *European Annals of Dental Sciences*. Figures and their legends should be submitted as separate files to the *dergipark* submission system and also should be embed at the end of the text file.

	Image	Line art	Combination
Example			a b
Resolution	300 dpi +	1200 dpi preferred, 300+ dpi accepted	600 dpi preferred, 300+ dpi accepted
Size	3 x 5 inches minimum	3 x 5 inches minimum	3 x 5 inches minimum
File format	tiff, jpg, or pdf preferred	tiff, jpg, or pdf preferred	tiff, jpg, or pdf preferred
Notes	Guidelines apply to SEM images as well	For bar graphs, black and white images preferred	Include paneled images in one image file (i.e., do not submit Figure 1A and Figure 1B as separate files).

Image manipulation and ethical guidelines

<u>Photographs of human subjects:</u> If an individual pictured in a digital image or photograph, can be identified, his or her permission is required to publish the image. The corresponding author may submit a letter signed by the patient authorizing the *European Annals of Dental Sciences* to publish the image/photo. Or, a form provided by the *European Annals of Dental Sciences* (Appendix A below) may be downloaded for use. This approval must be received by the Editorial Office before final acceptance of the manuscript for publication. Otherwise, the image/photo must be altered such that the individual cannot be identified (black bars over eyes, etc).

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A checklist of manuscript requirements is provided in Appendix B below. This is a helpful guide to review before submitting your manuscript.

The peer-review process and reviewer recommendations

Editor-in-Chief and editorial assistants check the submission files to confirm the availability of the required documents and, if appropriate, will be sent to an associate editor and two or more external reviewers. Manuscripts will be reviewed for content, originality, importance to the field, appropriateness of statistical analysis, and derivation of conclusions. Authors should note that manuscripts may be returned after an initial review by the editorial office if the paper is deemed unlikely to be reviewed favorably under insufficient interest for the *European Annals of Dental Sciences* readership. This rapid rejection process enables the author to promptly submit for publication elsewhere. If sent for review, the outcome may be acceptance with or without revisions, non-acceptance with an opportunity to make revisions for resubmission or rejection. Manuscripts being revised by the authors will be held by the editorial office for a maximum of 60 days, after which a new submission is required. Please contact the editorial office if you are not able to make this deadline.

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All changes made in a revised manuscript must be annotated via highlight or different font color. This will help reviewers locate the changes that correspond with your point-by-point response. Do not use the Track Changes feature to mark your changes, as this often makes manuscripts difficult for reviewers and editors to read. Please note in your cover letter if the changes are so extensive (i.e., more than 75% of the document) that it would be unreasonable to annotate the changes.

Responses to reviewers and editors should be included as a text (.doc or .docx) file with the manuscript files and named response to reviewers. A template to use as a guide is provided in Appendix C.

Rebuttals

On rare occasions, editorial decisions may be re-considered. Authors with serious concerns about potential scientific errors in the review process may send a rebuttal letter to the editor. Only written appeals will be considered. Rejected manuscripts may be resubmitted for consideration only with the explicit permission of the Editor-in-Chief. In such cases, the submission will be given a new manuscript number and date of receipt and will be treated as a new manuscript.

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Data sharing and bioethics

Human and animal experiments

For original research manuscripts reporting experiments on animals, the corresponding author must confirm that all experiments were performed following relevant guidelines and regulations. The manuscript must include a statement identifying the institutional and/or licensing committee approving the experiments, including any relevant details regarding animal welfare, patient anonymity, drug side effects, and informed consent.

For experiments involving human subjects, authors must identify the committee (e.g., Institutional Review Board [IRB]) approving the experiments and include with their submission a statement confirming that informed consent was obtained from all subjects. All human studies must adhere to the principles set out in the Declaration of Helsinki (World Medical Association Declaration of Helsinki, published online October 19, 2013. doi:10.1001/jama.2013.281053).

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If any individual data is included (i.e., an identifiable full-face picture in a clinical report), written

consent for participation/publication must be obtained from every individual whose data is included. A written statement attesting that the author has received and archived such written patient consent must accompany the manuscript. For research articles, if authors cannot obtain consent to publish individual data, they may only provide summary results. Exclusions to this include:

- The patients are de-identified
- The patients are dead
- There has been a waiver granted by the Institutional Review Board (IRB).

Permissions Form: If identifying details must be retained, the author must attest they have informed consent from the patients (a signed permissions form), see Appendix A below. Permissions must appear in English. In the case of a non-English speaking patient/author the permission should appear first in the native language with the translation to English below and the signature following both. If the patient cannot be located or refuses to consent to publication, the manuscript will NOT be published. If the patient cannot provide consent due to death or legal incompetency (this includes photos of corpses) permission from the power of attorney is needed as well as proof of power of attorney. If the patient is a minor, a legal guardian must provide permission. Previous publication of news coverage does NOT eliminate a patient's right to privacy and does NOT negate the need for patient permission. This informed consent should be indicated in the text of the article (in the Methods section, if appropriate) or in the Acknowledgments at the end of the article. Permissions forms should be uploaded at the time of submission. Articles will not be reviewed until permission forms are submitted.

Conflicts of interest

Authors are required to disclose any possible conflicts of interest. These include, for example, patent, ownership, employment, stock ownership, consultancies, speaker's fee. The author's conflict of interest (or information specifying the absence of conflicts of interest) will be included on the title page of published articles.

Authorship

Requirements for all categories of articles largely conform to the "Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals," developed by the ICMJE. A manuscript will be considered for publication with the understanding that:

- all named authors have agreed to its submission
- it is not currently being considered for publication by another journal
- if the paper is accepted, it/a part of it will not subsequently be published in the same or similar form in any language without the consent of the publisher.

Each author must have contributed sufficiently to the intellectual content of the submission. Any changes to the author list after submissions, such as a change in the order of the authors, or the deletion or addition of authors, will follow the guidelines as set out by COPE (http://publicationethics.org/). The corresponding author must confirm that she or he has had full access to the data in the study and final responsibility for the decision to submit for publication. The ICMJE recommends that authorship be based on the following 4 criteria:

- 1. Substantial contributions to the conception or design or the work; or the acquisition, analysis, or interpretation of data for the work; AND
- 2. Drafting the work or revising it critically for important intellectual content; AND
- 3. Final approval of the version to be published; AND
- 4. Agreement to be accountable for all aspects of the work in ensuring that questions related to the accuracy or integrity of any part of the work are appropriately investigated and resolved.

In addition to being accountable for the parts of the work she or he has done, an author should be able to identify which co-authors are responsible for specific other parts of the work. Besides, authors should have confidence in the integrity of the contributions of their co-authors.

When a large multi-author group has conducted the work, the group ideally should decide who will be an author before the work is started and confirm who is an author before submitting the manuscript for publication. All members of the group named as authors should meet all four criteria for authorship, including approval of the final manuscript, and they should be able to take public responsibility for the work and should have full confidence in the accuracy and integrity of the work of other group authors.

Acquisition of funding, collection of data, or general supervision of the research group alone does not constitute authorship. All persons designated as authors should qualify for authorship, and all those who qualify should be listed. Each author should have participated sufficiently in the work to take public responsibility for appropriate portions of the content.

Contributions by individuals who made direct contributions to the work but do not meet all of the above criteria should be noted in the Acknowledgments section of the manuscript. Examples include a statistician who has consulted on the included statistical tests; a colleague who has edited the document for English clarity but did not contribute to the content; a photographer or artist who prepared the figures; a dental technician or assistant who was invaluable to the care of the patient being reported on.

Medical writers and industry employees can be contributors. Their roles, affiliations, and potential conflicts of interest should be included in the author list or noted in the

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Major plagiarism as any case involving:

- unattributed copying of another person's data/findings, or resubmission of an entire publication under another author's name (either in the original language or in translation), or
- verbatim copying of >100 words of original material in the absence of any citation to the source material, or
- unattributed use of original, published, academic work, such as the structure, argument, or hypothesis/idea of another person or group where this is a major part of the new publication and there is evidence that it was not developed independently.

Minor plagiarism is defined as any case involving:

- verbatim copying of <100 words without indicating that these are a direct quotation from an original work (whether or not the source is cited) unless the text is accepted as widely used or standardized (e.g., the description of a standard technique)
- close copying (not quite verbatim but changed only slightly from the original) of significant sections (e.g., >100 words) from another work (whether or not that work is cited).

If the editorial board of the *European Annals of Dental Sciences* suspects a case of plagiarism, we will first contact the authors for clarification. If the authors are unable to sufficiently explain the potential plagiarism, we reserve the right to inform the authors' institutions and funding agencies. If a published article is suspected of plagiarism, we will take the further step of informing our readers, potentially via retraction of the article.

Retraction policy

In the unfortunate event, an article published in the *European Annals of Dental Sciences* needs to be retracted, we will follow the guidelines of the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) here: http://publicationethics.org/resources/guidelines-new/guidelines-retracting-articles. Potential reasons for retraction include plagiarism, redundant publication, or unreliable results (either through error or misconduct).

Corrections policy

If authors or readers note an error in a published article, they may contact the editorial office. If the correction is minor (i.e., the institution of an author should be changed, or there was a typographical error), the *European Annals of Dental Sciences* will publish an error notice at the Editor-in-Chief's discretion. If the error is major (i.e., tests were incorrectly conducted, previously published work was misinterpreted), please submit a letter to the editor outlining the potential errors. Such errors could potentially lead to the article being retracted.

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APPENDIX B: MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

This submission checklist is provided to help authors in the final stage of submission. Following this checklist should ensure the editorial office does not return your manuscript to you before evaluation. A more complete description of each item is provided under the appropriate heading in the Information for Authors document.

Separate documents are submitted in the following order:

- (1) cover letter;
- (2) title page, including any previous presentation and explanation of any conflicts of interest;
- (3) main text file (manuscript without author identifiers and track changes) including a structured or standard abstract, keywords, body of the text, tables, figure legends;
- (4) figures;
- (5) supplementary files (if necessary)

Title Page

Title Page
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□Running head of no more than 60-character spaces
□ Author(s) full name(s) written as the First Name then Last Name, and academic degree(s)
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Abstract
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Style guide
□ Abbreviations: spell out the first time used. Example: Resin-based composites (RBCs); can be called "RBC" when used again; do not use abbreviations in the abstract
□ Equipment and/or materials are identified in the text by the manufacturer and city and state (US manufacturer) or city and country (non-US manufacturer). Example: (Whip Mix, Louisville, KY);
(3Shape, Copenhagen, Denmark) □ Formatting of reported values, statistical tests conform to <i>European Annals of Dental Sciences</i> author guidelines
References
□ All references are numbered consecutively in the order they are cited in the text □ References are Arabic numerals (i.e., 1, 2, 3, etc.) in superscript □ References appear after punctuation marks
□All listed references have been cited in the text
Tables
☐ Tables are cited in numeric sequence in the text
□Tables should be submitted in Word
Figures
☐ Each is numbered with an Arabic numeral and cited in numeric sequence in the text
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Revisions
In addition to the above:
☐A highlighted or marked-up copy should be submitted showing all of the changes made throughout the manuscript; do not use the Word "Track Changes" feature
□ Provide a separate file as a response to the reviewers and editors detailing the changes made or the changes not made, and why the author chose not to make the changes.

APPENDIX C: RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS TEMPLATE

Use this format to respond to reviewers and editors (the remarks in this template are an example only).

Response to Reviewer 1:

1) The contribution to the overall database is helpful. Additional data to expound on their conclusions under the clinical significance statement is necessary for publication. Cited work for corroboration would be recommended if available. This paper can be a catalyst for follows up projects providing new data for clinical recommendations.

Response: Thank you for your comment. Several studies, which had parallel findings to our clinical significance statement, had already been mentioned in the discussion section. **Text Change:** None.

2) The abstract does not present an accurate synopsis of the paper. It needs to give more details about the study. Especially the results repeat themselves and not clear. Authors mention the differences in the groups, but they have to explain properly which criteria they evaluated.

Response: This is true. Abstract has rewritten as suggested.

Text Change: Whole abstract section.

Response to Reviewer 2:

1) *Typographic errors warrant the author's attention.*

Response: Thank you.

Text Change: Proofread and corrected.