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Instructions for Authors submitting English manuscripts

1. Submission qualification

Manuscripts should publish new findings of midwifery studies. The first or corresponding author must be a member of the Japan Academy of Midwifery (hereafter, the Academy) but non-members can be included as co-authors.

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2. Types of articles

This journal publishes the following types of manuscripts. Note that submission implies that the content has not been published or submitted for publication elsewhere.

Reviews: Broad overview of findings related to specific subjects in midwifery.

Original Articles: Original research, logically presenting new findings that contribute to the development of midwifery.

Data: Summary of data derived from surveys or cases clearly presenting findings in midwifery.

Others: Requested or accepted by the Editorial Board.

3. Submission of manuscripts

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- 1) The date the online submission system receives the manuscript is taken as the received date, and manuscript ID confirmation will be returned by e-mail.
- 2) Acceptance or rejection of manuscripts is decided by the Editorial Board after multiple peer review. However, acceptance of the manuscript may be conditional upon revising the manuscript or changing the type of manuscript.
- 3) Reviews are conducted with the reviewer blind to the author names.
- 4) After final acceptance of a manuscript, the file of the final version is required.

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Authors must state that ethical consideration has been taken for research involving either human or animal subjects. The approval number issued by the

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- 3) Offprints.
- 4) Special printing technology required to create figures and tables.

10. Procedure for writing manuscripts

- 1) Submitted manuscript files should consist of a title page, English abstract (approximately 500 words), Japanese abstract (approximately 800 characters), text (excluding acknowledgments), references list, and tables and figures. The English abstract should be provided as required by the online submission system and also included at the start of the main manuscript file. The English abstract and the Japanese abstract must agree.
- 2) The manuscript file should be A4 size, 30 lines per page (approximately 350 words), with appropriate line spacing. The font should be 12-point Times New Roman, with line numbers (starting anew on each page) applied to the English text, main body, and references.
- 3) The abstract should comprise "Purpose", "Methods", "Results" and "Conclusion". However, for papers that are not in research format, the abstracts can summarize the contents of the paper instead of being a structured abstract. The composition of the Japanese abstract also follows the English abstract.
- 4) The submitted manuscript must be checked by an expert or a researcher who is a native speaker of English, and at the time of submission, a certificate stating the title of the proofread manuscript, the author's name, and the proof-reader's name is to be attached. In addition, about 5 words of Japanese and English keywords are to be entered in the online submission system.
- 5) Submitted manuscripts, including text, tables and figures, shall be within the following number of pages. The abstract and references list are not counted. The references list should be saved in a separate file from the main text file.
Review: Should not exceed 17 pages (within 5,000 words)
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Data: Should not exceed 15 pages (within 4,500 words)
Other: Should not exceed 15 pages (within 4,500 words)
- 6) The size of tables and figures are roughly equivalent to the following number of words; take the size of the figures and tables into account to keep the number of document pages within the prescribed limit.
Journal 1 page: 3 manuscript pages (approximately 1,000 words)

1/2 page: 1.5 manuscript pages (approximately 500 words)

1/3 page: 1 manuscript page (approximately 400 words)

1/4 page: 3/4 manuscript page (approximately 300 words)

7) Keep tables and figures in a separate word file from the main text, saved one per page, numbered in order, Fig. 1 (including photos), Table 1 etc.

8) In principle, the referencing style is in accordance with the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (APA), 6th Edition.

However, for each reference cited in the text, only the first author needs to be cited and use 'et al' for other authors. When quoting references written in languages other than English, write the title in English. (The title in the original language is unnecessary.)

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1) Prepare responses to peer-reviewed comments in the Author Response section.

2) In the revised manuscript, do not leave the revision history /track changes, but indicate it with underlines, color letters, highlights, etc. to show where the manuscript has been revised and added to.

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4) Submit your manuscript by the deadline. If there are circumstances preventing submission before the deadline, please notify the Editorial Office in advance. Please note that it is possible that your manuscript will be treated as a new submission if the deadline expires without contact from you.

12. Author proofreading

1) The proof should be checked once, and approval to publish the article.

Changes other than the essential correction of errors are unacceptable at the author proof stage.

2) Application for reprints can be done at the time the author returns the proofread manuscript.

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