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1. General Instructions

- (1) Submitted manuscripts should be in the form of original articles, review articles, short communications, clinical reports, case reports or dental education. **Original articles** should constitute new research papers. **Review articles** will be limited to those requested by the editorial board. **Short communications** should be in the form of informative articles on current scientific topics or recent research reports on new technologies or materials. **Clinical reports** should address new instruments, technical innovations, statistical reports on patients, and other matters or methodologies of clinical relevance. **Case reports** are self-explanatory. **Dental education** concerns with curriculum development, teaching and learning methodologies, evaluation methods or techniques, and quality assurance in the fields of dental undergraduate and post-graduate education and dental auxiliary personnel training.
- (2) Submitted manuscripts must be written in English and represent unpublished original research that is not under consideration for publication elsewhere. However, papers which have already been published elsewhere in a language other than English and that are considered unknown to most of the rest of the world will also be considered for publication, provided their former publishers give written permission for secondary publication in English in the Bulletin of Tokyo Dental College. Note that in such cases the editorial board of Tokyo Dental College reserves the right to have the publication independently peer-reviewed again, and that the author must accept their decision with regard to any subsequently requested changes in the manuscript. In such cases, the name of the original journal, its volume number, page

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Example:

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Examples:

1. This study was approved by the ethics committee of Tokyo Dental College (approved no.011).
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- If you are registering as a new user.
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- Log-in and select 'Author Center'.

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4. Manuscript Structure and Format

- (1) Structure
All submissions should conform to the structure stipulated below.

- 1) Original Articles
a) Abstract (within 300 words)
b) Key words (within 5 words)
c) Introduction
d) Materials and Methods
e) Results
f) Discussion
g) Acknowledgements (where necessary)
h) References
i) Address

- 2) Short Communications
In principle, the length of one short communication should be limited to 4 printed pages (in the case of 85 strokes to a line and 25 lines on a double-spaced page, 4 pages corresponds to approximately 4 printed pages). In such cases, it is not necessary to follow the above pattern in 1). Key words, however, should be listed without fail.

- 3) Review Articles
No firm guidance can be given.

- 4) Clinical Reports
Manuscripts for this category should be structured in the same manner as Original Articles, but 'Methods (or Cases)' can be used, instead of 'Materials and Methods'. Other structures may be used.

- 5) Case Reports
Case reports must include the following elements in order:
a) Abstract (within 300 words)
b) Key words (5 words)
c) Introduction

- d) Case Presentation
e) Clinical Procedures and Outcomes
f) Discussion
g) Acknowledgements (if necessary)
h) References
i) Address

- 6) Dental Education
Manuscripts for this category should be structured in the same manner as Original Articles. Other structures may be used.

- (2) Manuscripts including references, explanations of charts, and footnotes, should be double-spaced and generally 25 lines per page. Margins of 2.5 cm should be left on each side, the top, and the bottom of each sheet. Manuscripts should be numbered consecutively, at the top or bottom of each sheet. Although references and tables are regarded as separate pages, they should be numbered consecutively. References for short communications may follow the text of the manuscript.

- (3) The type of manuscript, title, names of the authors, affiliation, number of pages, tables and figures, and short running heads (40 strokes including spaces) should be indicated on the first page of the manuscript. Titles should be typed with only the first letters of the main words capitalized. The first name, initial(s), and surname of the authors should be typed similarly. Affiliations are keyed to the author's name with superscript numbers with a parenthesis. The short running title should also be typed with only the first letters of the main words capitalized.

- (4) Up to 5 Key words should be provided from the title, summary, or text; these words should be ones which are essential for understanding the manuscript. These words should follow the Abstract.

- (5) Straightforward language should be used. Only those abbreviations that are internationally recognized in various academic fields may be used. When using nonstandard abbreviations, an expression must be written out in full the first time it appears in the text followed by its abbreviation given in parentheses as follows:

Example:

..... isoproterenol (IPR) was used in this study. IPR was

- (6) All units of measure should be given in accordance with the International System of Units (SI). A complete listing of SI symbols can be found in the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) 'Manual of Symbols and Terminology for Physicochemical Quantities and Units' (Pure Appl. Chem. 21:3–44, 1970).

Examples:

kg, g, mg, μg (not kgr, gr, etc.), m, cm, mm, μm , n ($=10^{-9}$, not $\text{m}\mu$, but n mol), p ($=10^{-12}$, not $\mu\mu$ sec, but p sec), liter (not l or L), ml, hr, min, sec, Ci, Hz (not c/sec for cycle per sec), R, for Torr ($=1\text{ mm Hg}$), cpm, dpm, rpm, M, mM, and so on.

Use % rather than per cent or percent. Temperatures should be given in degrees centigrade.

- (7) The mass number of radioisotopes should be written as the left superscript of their chemical formulae.

Example: ^3H , ^{14}C , ^{32}P

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- (1) The magnification of all micrographs should be correctly cited. In principle, the size of a micrograph should be such that it can be printed as it is. Note that the maximum acceptable size is 13.5 by 19.5 cm. If a picture is to be printed in a different size, indicate the size desired. Indicate scale on each photograph (e.g. $1\mu\text{m}$, 10 nm).
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6. References

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- 1) Suzuki T (2004) Endothelin-1-induced depolarization and hyperpolarization in submandibular ganglion neurons. *Bull Tokyo Dent Coll* 45:189-192.
- 2) Tanaka C, Uzawa K, Shibahara T, Yokoe H, Noma H, Tanzawa H (2004) Expression of an inhibitor of apoptosis, survivin, in oral carcinogenesis. *J Dent Res* 82:607-611.

- (3) References to books should be quoted in the following order: name of authors, year of publication, chapter title (if appropriate), title of book, names of editors, edition number, page number, name of publisher, and place of publication.

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- 1) Maniatis T, Fritsch EF, Sambrook J (Eds) (1989) *Molecular cloning, A Laboratory Manual*, pp.646-648, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, New York.
 - 2) Ten Cate AR, Bartold PM, Squier CA, Nanci A (2003) *Repair and regeneration of oral tissues, Ten Cate's Oral Histology; Development, Structure and Function*, Nanci A, 6th ed., pp.397-416, Mosby, Philadelphia.
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- (6) At the end of the references, the name, address, and e-mail address of corresponding author should be provided.

Example:

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