

Instructions for Authors

CONTENT

Diabetes Care publishes original articles and reviews of human and clinical research intended to increase knowledge, stimulate research, and promote better management of people with diabetes mellitus. Emphasis is on human studies reporting on the pathophysiology and treatment of diabetes and its complications; genetics; epidemiology; psychosocial adaptation; education; and the development, validation, and application of accepted and new therapies. Topics covered are of interest to clinically oriented physicians, researchers, epidemiologists, psychologists, diabetes educators, and other professionals.

Diabetes publishes original research about the physiology and pathophysiology of diabetes mellitus. Submitted manuscripts can report any aspect of laboratory, animal, or human research. Emphasis is on investigative reports focusing on areas such as the pathogenesis of diabetes and its complications, normal and pathological pancreatic islet function and intermediary metabolism, pharmacological mechanisms of drug and hormone action, and biochemical and molecular aspects of normal and abnormal biological processes. Studies in the areas of diabetes education or the application of accepted therapeutic and diagnostic approaches to patients with diabetes mellitus are not published.

Original Articles report clinical investigation in areas relevant to diabetes. The following features are essential: hypothesis testing, suitable controls, appropriate statistical methods, clear reporting of results, and conclusions supported by the results. Papers will be judged on their uniqueness and importance.

Review Articles are comprehensive surveys of diabetes-related topics.

Special Articles are scholarly discussions, perspectives, essays, opinions, hypotheses, and policy statements.

Technical Articles are descriptions and assessments of material and devices used for the care of patients with diabetes.

Short Reports are succinct case reports, observations relating to the practice of diabetology, and other brief communications.

Editorials consist of opinions of individuals or organizations on relevant topics by either the Editors or invited participants.

Book Reviews critique professional publications related to diabetes.

Letters & Comments include opinions on topics published in the journal or relating to diabetes in general.

Organization Section includes announcement of meetings, special events, and American Diabetes Association business.

REVIEW ISSUES

Of the 12 yearly issues of *Diabetes Care*, 4 are review issues. Articles in the Review Issues will have a common theme, each pertaining to

a physiological or pathophysiological aspect of diabetes and related metabolic events. Future topics will be indicated on an Upcoming Review Issues page in the front of each Review Issue.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Diabetes Care publishes only material that has not been printed previously or is submitted elsewhere without appropriate annotation. In submitting an article, the author(s) must state in a covering letter (see below) that no part of the material is under consideration for publication elsewhere or has already been published, including tables, figures, symposia, proceedings, preliminary communications, books, and invited articles. Conflicts of interest or support of private interests *must* be clearly explained. All human investigation *must* be conducted according to the principles expressed in the Declaration of Helsinki. The covering letter must include the following statements signed by ALL contributors for all submissions.

We approve the submission of this paper to *Diabetes Care* for publication. We confirm that neither the manuscript submitted nor any part of it has been published or is being considered for publication elsewhere (abstracts excluded).

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SPECIFICATIONS

Manuscripts. Five copies of the manuscript (original plus four photocopies of the entire manuscript including tables and figures) must be submitted. If black-and-white graphs or charts are to be included, submit only one set of glossy prints; remaining sets should be photocopies. If photographs are to be included, five sets must be submitted. Manuscripts must be typewritten (not photocopied), *double spaced* (including references, legends, tables) on one side of 8½ x

11 inch (21.6 × 27.9 cm) nonerasable white bond paper. Provide margins of at least 1 inch (2.5 cm) at top, bottom, and both sides of pages. Number pages consecutively in the upper right-hand corner. Arrange articles according to the following components.

Title page. On the title page include title; subtitle (if any); short running title (approximately 40 characters); first name, middle initial, and last name of each author, with highest academic degree; name of department(s) and institution(s) to which the work should be attributed (in English); disclaimers (if any); name and address of author to whom requests for reprints should be addressed; acknowledgments of financial support and potential conflicts of interest; and three to six key words for indexing purposes (*diabetes* is not acceptable). Acknowledge if paper was previously presented as an abstract.

Abstract. An abstract of not more than 250 words should be included at the beginning of the paper. It should be self-contained and understandable without reference to the text. Specific data may be included. Authors are encouraged to submit structured abstracts for format, see *A Proposal for More Informative Abstracts of Clinical Articles (Annals of Internal Medicine 106:598–604, 1987)* and *A Proposal for More Informative Abstracts of Review Articles (Annals of Internal Medicine 108:613–15, 1988)*.

Terminology and style. The designations *insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus* (IDDM or type I) and *non-insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus* (NIDDM or type II) should be used when referring to the two major forms of diabetes mellitus. The terms *juvenile diabetes*, *maturity-onset diabetes*, and similar variations are not acceptable. The use of the term *diabetic* as a noun is not acceptable. The terms *men* and *women* are preferable to *males* and *females*.

Manuscripts should be prepared in accord with the "Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals," *Annals of Internal Medicine 96:766–71, 1982*.

Statistical methods used should be identified. Acknowledgments of aid or criticism should be approved by the person whose help is being recognized. Materials (i.e., figures and tables) taken from other sources must be accompanied by written permission for reproduction obtained from the original publisher and author.

Abbreviations. Use standard abbreviations and units recommended in the *CBE Style Manual* (Bethesda, MD, Council of Biology Editors, Inc.). Use of nonstandard abbreviations is discouraged. If used, however, nonstandard abbreviations should be defined the first time they appear in the text.

Units. Units should be in the *Système International (SI)* form (see table). Glycosylated hemoglobin should be expressed as percent of total as well as standard deviation from the mean of normal controls.

Drug Names. Generic names should be used. Proprietary names may be given parenthetically with the first use of the generic name.

References. References should be cited consecutively in the text as numbers enclosed in parentheses on the line of writing. The reference list should be typed double spaced in the numerical order in which they are first cited in the text.

References should be cited according to the Standard Forms for References (*Annals of Internal Medicine*, Vol. 72, No. 1). All authors should be cited and inclusive page numbers should be provided. The journal titles should be abbreviated according to *Serial Sources for the BIOSIS (Biosciences Information Service) Data Base*.

For journal articles

Banting FG, Best C: The internal secretion of the pancreas. *J Lab Clin Med 7:251–66, 1922*

For books

Allen FM: *Studies Concerning Glycosuria and Diabetes*. Cambridge, MA, Harvard Univ. Press, 1913

For articles in books

Stauffer W, Renold AE: Pathophysiology of diabetes mellitus. In *Joslin's Diabetes Mellitus*. 11th ed. Marble A, White P, Bradley RF, Krall LP, Eds. Philadelphia, PA, Lea & Febiger, 1971, p. 35–98

For government publications

Fajan SS (Ed.): *Diabetes Mellitus*. Washington, DC, U.S. Govt. Printing Office, 1976, DHEW publ. no. NIH 76-854.

References to articles that are "in press" must state the name of the journal. References to unpublished material, if essential, should be incorporated in the appropriate place in the text and not included as part of the reference list. Written permission from authors of unpublished data should be obtained and submitted.

Authors are responsible for the accuracy of the references.

Illustrations. Figures should be professionally drawn and photographed and only one set submitted as black-and-white glossy prints. They must be untrimmed, unmounted, unstapled, and at least 12.7 × 7.3 cm (5 × 7") but no larger than 20 × 25 cm (8 × 10"). Figures should include indication of error, e.g., SD or SE. Name(s) of author(s), figure number, and the top of the figure must be noted on the back of each illustration. Figures displaying two-dimensional data in three-dimensional format are not acceptable.

Tables. Tables should be typed double spaced on separate sheets, with number (Arabic) and title. Symbols for units should be confined to column headings. Abbreviations should be kept to a minimum and defined in the table legend. For footnotes, use the following symbols in this sequence: *, †, ‡, §, ||, ¶, **, ††.

Supplements. Proceedings of symposia or meetings are published as supplements to *Diabetes Care*. Supplements are subject to peer review. Sponsoring groups are required to pay all costs. For more information, contact either the Editor or Beverly Brittan Cook, Director of Professional Publications, American Diabetes Association, National Service Center, 1660 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Review and action. All contributions, including solicited articles and symposia, are critically reviewed by the Editors and invited referees. Reviewers' comments are usually returned to authors. The decision of the Editors is final.

Editorial correspondence. All manuscripts and other editorial correspondence should be addressed to David C. Robbins, MD, Editor, *Diabetes Care*, Medical Research Foundation, George Hyman Memorial Research Building, 108 Irving Street, NW, Washington, DC 20010.

Articles for the Review Issues follow the same guidelines as for the regular issues, which are described herein. Although most articles for the Review Issues are invited by the editor, authors are welcome to submit manuscripts to Dr. Ralph A. DeFronzo, MD, Review Editor, *Diabetes Care*, Department of Medicine, Division of Diabetes, UT-HSCSA, 7703 Floyd Curl Drive, San Antonio, TX 78284. Submitted manuscripts will be considered for relevant upcoming topics.

Correspondence concerning the copyediting and production of accepted manuscripts should be addressed to *Diabetes Care* Editorial Office, American Diabetes Association, National Service Center, 1660 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. Telephone: (703) 549-1500. FAX: (703) 836-7439.

Short reports. Manuscripts submitted as Short Reports should not exceed six typewritten, double-spaced pages including text, figures, tables, and references. Short Reports must include all parts as described under manuscript specifications. A copyright release statement signed by all authors must be included.

Letters and comments. Letters and Comments should not exceed three typewritten, double-spaced pages including text and references. A copyright release statement signed by all authors must be included.