

## **Aims and scope**

Journal of Rare Cardiovascular Diseases (JRCD) is an international, quarterly, peer-reviewed, open access journal that keeps cardiologists and non-cardiologists up-to-date with rare disorders of the heart and vessels. Topics covered include congenital heart defects, cardiomyopathies, rhythm abnormalities, rare forms of arterial hypertension, pulmonary hypertension, cardiac tumors, and other rare diseases affecting the heart and vessels such as connective tissue diseases, metabolic disorders, neuromuscular diseases, and other unclassified rare diseases. JRCD follows The International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE) recommendations for the conduct, reporting, editing, and publication of scholarly work in medical journals.

JRCD is also open for submissions from other fields of cardiovascular medicine (beyond rare cardiovascular diseases).

Topics of interest include, **but are not limited** to the following areas:

- (1) rare diseases of systemic circulation
- (2) rare diseases of pulmonary circulation
- (3) rare diseases of the heart (cardiomyopathies)
- (4) rare congenital cardiovascular diseases
- (5) rare arrhythmogenic disorders
- (6) cardiac tumors and cardiovascular diseases in malignancy
- (7) cardiovascular diseases in pregnancy
- (8) basic science

## **Instructions for authors**

All authors are obliged to follow ICMJE Recommendations which are posted on the website [www.icmje.org/recommendations/](http://www.icmje.org/recommendations/) as well as JRCD instructions for authors which can be found at [www.jrcd.eu](http://www.jrcd.eu). The Journal will consider articles written in English for publication.

## **Types of papers**

The following types of papers will be considered for publication in JRCD:

Original articles: max limit 4000 words, 40 references, no more than 6 figures/tables

Review articles: max limit 5000 words, 50 references, no more than 5 figures

Brief Report: max limit 2000 words, 20 references, no more than 4 figures

Case Report: max limit 3500 words, 30 references, no more than 5 figures

Letters to editor: up to 600 words

Editorial

The type of paper should be indicated on the title page.

## **Manuscript submission**

Submission of a manuscript implies that the work described has not been published before,

that it is not under consideration for publication anywhere else, that its publication has been approved by all co-authors, if any, as well as by the responsible authorities – tacitly or explicitly – at the institute where the work has been carried out. The publisher will not be held legally responsible should there be any claims for compensation.

## **Permissions**

Authors wishing to include figures, tables, or text passages that have already been published elsewhere are required to obtain permission from the copyright owner(s) for both the print and online format and to include evidence that such permission has been granted when submitting their papers. Any material received without such evidence will be assumed to have originated from the authors.

## **Online Submission**

All articles must be submitted using the electronic submission system at: [www.jrcd.eu](http://www.jrcd.eu) .

## **Title page**

The title page should include:

Type of paper

The name(s) of the author(s)

A concise and informative title

The affiliation(s) and address(es) of the author(s)

The e-mail address, telephone and fax numbers of the corresponding author

Declaration of conflict of interest

## **Abstract**

Please provide an abstract of 150 to 250 words. The abstract should not contain any undefined abbreviations or unspecified references.

## **Keywords**

Please provide 4 to 6 keywords which can be used for indexing purposes.

## **Text Formatting**

Manuscripts should be submitted in Microsoft Word doc file format. Do not submit docx files.

Use a normal, plain font (e.g., 12-point Times Roman) for text.

Use italics for emphasis.

Use the automatic page numbering function to number the pages.

Do not use field functions.

Use tab stops or other commands for indents, not the space bar.

Use the table function, not spreadsheets, to make tables.

Use the equation editor or MathType for equations.

## **Headings**

Please use no more than three levels of displayed headings. Original article should consist of the following sections: Background, Methods, Results, Discussion, Conclusions, References.

Case reports should include the following headings: Case presentation, Review of literature, Patient management and follow-up, References.

## **Abbreviations**

Abbreviations should be defined at the first appearance in the text and used consistently thereafter.

## **Footnotes**

Footnotes can be used to give additional information, which may include the citation of a reference included in the reference list. They should not consist solely of a reference citation, and they should never include the bibliographic details of a reference. They should also not contain any figures or tables. Footnotes to the text are numbered consecutively; those to tables should be indicated by superscript lower-case letters (or asterisks for significance values and other statistical data). Footnotes to the title or the authors of the article are not given reference symbols.

## **Acknowledgments**

Acknowledgments of people, grants, funds, etc. should be placed in a separate section before the reference list. The names of funding organizations should be written in full.

## **Scientific style**

Always use internationally accepted signs and symbols for units (SI units). Generic names of drugs are preferred; if trade names are used, the generic name should be given at the first appearance in the text.

## **References**

Reference citations in the text should be identified by numbers in square brackets []. The list of references should only include works that are cited in the text and that have been published or accepted for publication. Personal communications and unpublished works should only be mentioned in the text. Do not use footnotes or endnotes as a substitute for a reference list.

The entries in the list should be numbered consecutively. The example:

Roldan CA. Valvular and coronary heart disease in systemic inflammatory diseases: systemic disorders in heart disease. *Heart* 2008; 94: 1089–1101.

Please list the first three authors and add “et al.”.

## **Tables**

All tables are to be numbered using Arabic numerals. Tables should always be cited within the text in consecutive numerical order. For each table, please supply a table caption (title) explaining the components of the table. Identify any previously published material by giving the original source in the form of a reference at the end of the table caption. Footnotes to tables should be indicated by superscript lower-case letters and included beneath the table body.

## **Artwork / Figure**

For the best quality final product, it is highly recommended that you submit all of your artwork – photographs, line drawings, etc. – in an electronic format. Your art will then be reproduced to the highest standards with the greatest accuracy to detail. The published work will directly reflect the quality of the artwork provided. Supply all figures electronically. Indicate which graphics program was used to create the artwork.

## **Figure Numbering**

All figures are to be numbered using Arabic numerals. Figures should always be cited within the text in consecutive numerical order. Figure parts should be denoted by lowercase letters (a, b, c, etc.). Each figure should have a concise caption describing accurately what the figure depicts. Include captions in the text file of the manuscript, not in the figure file.

Figure captions begin with the term **Fig.** in bold type, followed by the figure number, also in bold type.

No punctuation is to be included after the number, nor is any punctuation to be placed at the end of the caption. Identify all figure elements in the figure caption; and use boxes, circles, etc., as coordinate points in graphs. Identify previously published material by giving the original source in the form of a reference citation at the end of the figure caption.

## **Permissions**

If figures are included that have been previously published elsewhere, permission must be obtained from the copyright owner(s) for both the print and online format. Please be aware that some publishers do not grant electronic rights for free – the Publisher will not be able to refund any costs that may have occurred to receive these rights. In such cases, material from other sources should be used.

## **Electronic Supplementary Material**

We accept electronic multimedia files (animations, movies, audio, etc.) and other supplementary files to be published online. This feature can add dimension to the author's article. Supply all supplementary material in standard file formats. Please include the following information in each file: article title, journal name, author names and affiliation, and e-mail address of the corresponding author. Please keep in mind that larger-sized files may require very long download times and that some users may experience problems during downloading. For each supplementary material, please include a concise caption describing the content of the file.

## **Ethical standards**

Manuscripts submitted for publication must contain a statement confirming that all human studies have been approved by the appropriate ethics committee and have therefore been performed in accordance with the ethical standards laid down in the 1964 Declaration of Helsinki. It should also be stated clearly in the text that all persons gave their informed consent prior to their inclusion in the study. Details that might disclose the identity of the subjects under study should be omitted. The editors reserve the right to reject manuscripts that do not comply with the above-mentioned requirements. The author will be held responsible for false statements and/or failure to comply with the above-mentioned requirements.

## **Conflict of interest**

Authors must clearly indicate whether or not they have a financial relationship with the organization sponsoring the research. They should also state that they have full control of all primary data and that they agree to allow the journal to review their data if requested. Therefore, the manuscript must be accompanied by the "Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form".

## **Copyright transfer**

Authors will be asked to transfer copyright of the article to the Publisher, or grant the Publisher exclusive publication and dissemination rights. This will ensure the widest possible protection and dissemination of information under copyright laws.

## **Disclaimer**

The authors, editors, and Publisher will not accept any legal responsibility for any errors or omissions that may occur in this publication. The Publisher makes no warranty of any kind, express or implied, with respect to the material contained herein.

For further information about editorial policies or publication terms please contact the Editorial Office of the Journal of Rare Cardiovascular Diseases, Centre for Rare Cardiovascular Diseases, John Paul II Hospital in Kraków; 80 Prądnicka Str., 31-202 Kraków, Poland; Phone: +48 (12) 614 33 99, +48 (12) 614 34 88 Fax: +48 (12) 614 34 88; e-mail: [jrcd@jrcd.eu](mailto:jrcd@jrcd.eu)