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ABOUT THE JOURNAL

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1. CATEGORIES OF ARTICLES

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Including systematic review articles based on exhaustive literature search and meta-analyses of published randomized controlled clinical studies.

2. Original articles:

Original articles are expected to present a significant advance in clinical investigations and should be arranged in the following order: title page, abstract, introduction, methods, results, discussion acknowledgments (including author contributions, conflict of interest statement), references, tables (each including a title and legend), and figure legends.

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- Diagnoses and/or management of new and emerging diseases,
- An unexpected association between disease or symptoms,
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- Rare feature of a disease or unique therapeutic approach.

The text should not exceed 1500-2000 words and should be arranged as Abstract, Introduction, Case report, Discussion, Conclusion, References, Tables and Legends to figures (maximum of three figures).

Include a brief structured abstract of 250 words using the following headings: Background, Case Report, and Conclusion.

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Material published early on website but not yet published in print

Narang M, Puri AS, Sachdeva S, Singh J, Kumar A, Saran RK. Celiac Disease and H. pylori infection in children: Is there any association? J Gastroenterol Hepatol. 2016;Nov 15 (Epub ahead of print).

Chapter in a book:

Aggarwal A, Narang M. Acute stroke in children. In: Gupta S (ed). Recent Advances in Pediatrics. 15th ed. Jaypee Brothers: New Delhi; 2004. pp.145-53.

Conference proceedings:

Kimura J, Shibasaki H, editors. Recent advances in clinical neurophysiology. Proceedings of the 10th International Congress of EMG and Clinical Neurophysiology; 1995 Oct 15-19; Kyoto, Japan. Amsterdam:Elsevier;1996.

Newspaper article:

Encephalitis battle tough test for Yogi. Hindustan Times

2017 April 27; Delhi: p. 17 (col 1-6).

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- Conflict of Interest statement
- Figures: Each figure should be sent as a separate file.

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