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Publishing in Geriatric Oncology: An Editor's Perspective

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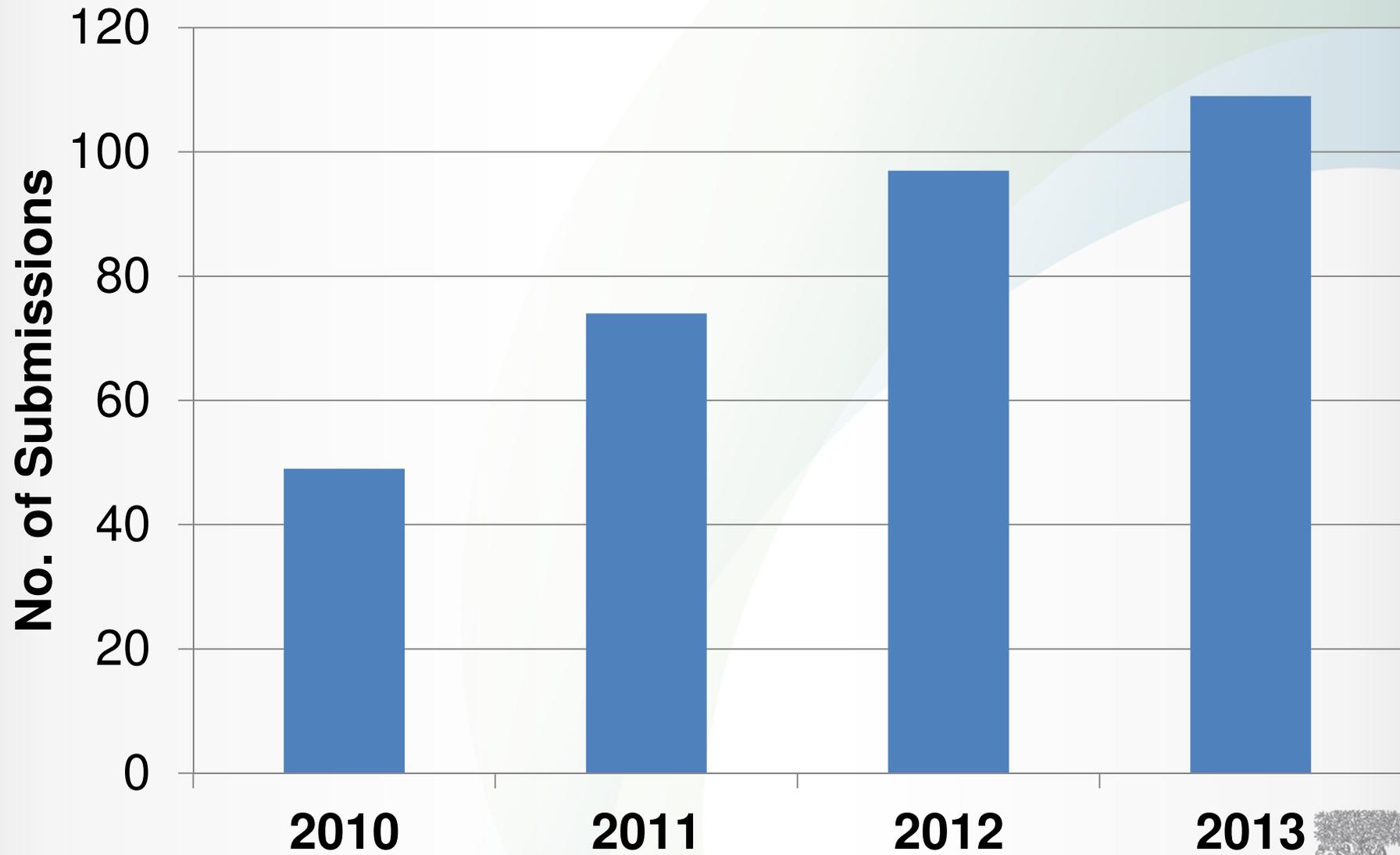
Mission Statement

The *Journal of Geriatric Oncology* is an:

International, **multidisciplinary** journal focused on **advancing research in the treatment and survivorship issues of older adults with cancer**, as well as literature relevant to **education** and **policy** development in geriatric oncology.

The official journal of the
International Society of Geriatric Oncology

Journal Growth



Milestones

2010

- *Journal of Geriatric Oncology* launched as the official journal of SIOG

2011

- Indexed by Science Citation Index Expanded, Current Contents/ Clinical Medicine, and Journal Citation Reports

2012

- First impact factor awarded by Thomas Reuters
- 2011 Impact factor: 1.000

2013

- Indexed by PubMed/Medline
- Launched “Meet the Expert” series
- 2012 Impact factor: 1.118

2014

- Expansion of the editorial team
 - 2 deputy editors and 4 new associate editors
- 2013 Impact factor: 1.146

2015

- Launch of the “Geriatrics for Oncologists” series
- Increasing to 6 issues a year

Types Of Manuscripts



Original
Research



Review Articles



Education and
Training Articles



Meeting Reports



Letters to the
Editors



Invited Articles:
Meet the Experts,
Editorials,
Perspectives

Getting Your Paper Noticed

By the Editor, the Reviewers, and the Readers



What Makes A Strong Manuscript?

Clear & useful
message

A logical manner

Readers grasp
the research

Key Components of an Article

Title

Authorship List

Abstract

Introduction

Materials & Methods

Results

Discussion

Figures/Tables

Manuscript Title



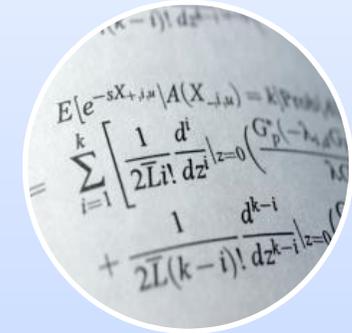
Fewest possible words



Adequately describes content



Identifies main issue



Does not use rarely-used abbreviations



Authorship

The *Journal of Geriatric Oncology* adheres to the guidelines adopted by the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors.

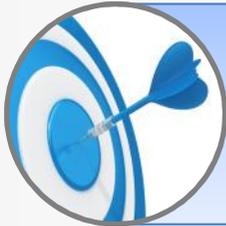
Authorship should be based on:

- Substantial contributions to conception and design, acquisition of data, or analysis and interpretation of data
- Drafting the article or revising it critically for important intellectual content
- Final approval of the version to be published

Abstract



This is the advertisement of your article.
Make it interesting and understandable



Make it accurate and specific



A clear abstract will strongly influence
whether or not your work is considered



Keep it as brief as possible

Tips for a Successful Abstract

- The abstract is often the only thing that is read
- Results are more important than methods
 - Include key data
- The conclusion is not a discussion
 - Should be conclusive
- Follow the journal formatting

Introduction



Provide a brief context to the readers



Start broad and narrow down to the research problem



State your goal and objective



Generally, 2-3 paragraphs

Materials & Methods

Describe study methodology

Include detailed information about study measures

Include a statistics section

Include a statement regarding IRB approval



Ethics Committee Approval



Experiments on humans or animals must follow applicable ethics standards



Approval of the local ethics committee is required and should be specified in the manuscript, cover letter, or the online submission system

Results: Key Tips

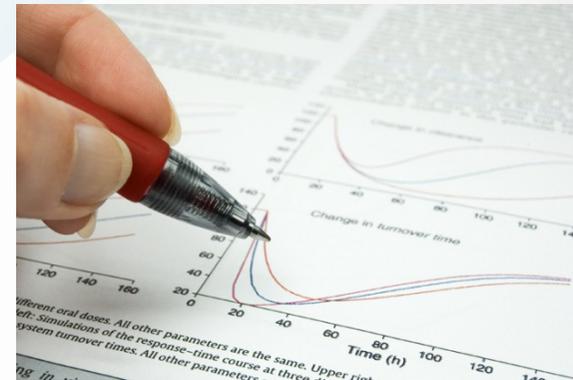
Be clear & easy to understand

Highlight the main findings

Feature unexpected findings

Provide the results from the statistical analysis

Include illustrations & figures



Discussion: Key Tips

Most important section

Summarize in 1-2 sentence(s)
the main findings

Put your findings in the context
of the existing literature

Discuss your limitations

Future research directions

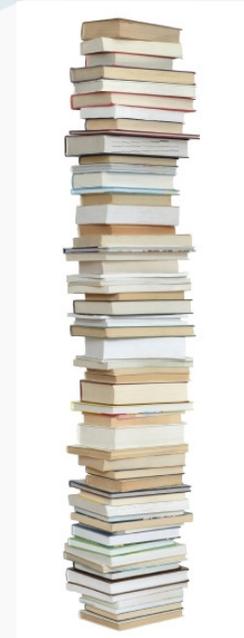


References

Include only most relevant references

Always ensure you have fully absorbed the material you are referencing

Conform strictly to the style given in the guide for authors



Editorial Process

- Manuscript submitted
- Reviewed by the Editor-in-Chief
- May be assigned to deputy or associate editor
- First decision made
 - Send out to review
 - Outright reject

Responding to Reviewer Comments

- Be responsive to reviewers
- Clearly state where changes are made
- Revised manuscripts are sent back to original reviewers
- Final editorial decision made

Peer-Review

- Editors review articles and choose reviewers
- Manuscript sent for peer review (2 weeks)
 - Experts in the field
 - Statistical review if needed
- Editors make a decision
 - Accept
 - Minor revision
 - Major Revision
 - Reject
- Once accepted – final read-through performed

Review Times

- Time for editorial review: within 7 days
 - Outright reject decision
 - Send out for review
- Time to decision with review: ~25 days
 - Included time taken by referees to review manuscript

Additional Tips

- Language and grammar are important
 - Have a native English speaker edit the manuscript
- Double-check numbers
- Have a statistical colleague review your manuscript
- Turnaround times may be quicker if the authors address these items in advance

How to Get Involved

➤ **Subscribe**

➤ **Publish**

➤ **Cite**

➤ **Review**

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Questions for Discussion