

# Journal of Gender Medicine

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### Aims and scope

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Journal of Gender Medicine is an international journal covering the field of Gender Medicine. Articles are subject to peer review and complete editorial evaluation prior to any decision regarding acceptability. Journal of Gender Medicine is an official journal of the Japanese Association of Gender Specific Medicine.

## **Exclusive submission policy**

Manuscripts are considered for review only under the conditions that they are not under consideration elsewhere and that the data presented have not appeared on the Internet or have not been previously published with the exception of abstracts not exceeding 400 words.

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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) and to include evidence when submitting their papers that such permission has been granted. Any material received without such evidence will be assumed to originate from the authors.

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All manuscripts will be reviewed first by the Editorial Committee. All papers considered suitable by the Editors to progress further in the review process will undergo appropriate peer review. When a manuscript is returned to the author for revision, it should be returned within 3 months.

## **Article categories**

Journal of Gender Medicine accepts articles in the following categories:

- Original articles, not to exceed 6000 words including Title, Abstract, Text, References, Figure legends, Tables and Acknowledgments.

- Review articles, usually not to exceed 8000 words, although exceptions may be made by the Editors.

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  3. Wyllie AH, Kerr JFR, Currie AR. Cell death: the significance of apoptosis. In: Bourne GH, Danielli JF, Jeon KW, editors. *International review of cytology*. London: Academic; 1980. p. 251–306.
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4. Slifka MK, Whitton JL. Clinical implications of dysregulated cytokine production. *J Mol Med* 2000. doi: 10.1007/s001090000086.

- Online document

5. Doe J. Title of subordinate document. In: *The dictionary of substances and their effects*. Royal Society of Chemistry 1999. [http://www.rsc.org/dose/title of subordinate document](http://www.rsc.org/dose/title%20of%20subordinate%20document). Accessed 15 Jan 1999.

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