Instruction for Authors

1. Aims and Scope
*Archives of Pharmacal Research* is an interdisciplinary journal devoted to the publication of original research papers and reviews in the fields of drug discovery, drug development, and drug actions with a view of providing fundamental and novel information on drugs and drug candidates.

For research on natural products, the following provisions apply.

1) Provide appropriate information on origin.
2) It should be noted that substances from natural products do not have endotoxin.
3) Studies evaluating pharmacological actions of only the extracts will not be considered for publication. However, the articles reporting the pharmacological effects of the active ingredients in the extracts will be considered. In addition, clinical trial articles of natural products will be also considered.

2. Types of Papers
*Archives of Pharmacal Research* considers manuscripts for publication in the following types of papers:

**Original Research Articles.** These are full-length descriptions of research that describe original and important pieces of work in detail from the fields covered by the journal. Maximum length of manuscripts should not exceed 5,000 words excluding figures and tables.

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3. Manuscript Submission
All submissions should be made online at the *Archives of Pharmacal Research* Editorial Manager site (www.editorialmanager.com/arpr) by the corresponding author.

1) **English Language Editing:** To refine English used in the manuscripts prior to submission, non-English speaking authors are required to use a professional language-editing service.

2) **Publication Fees:** Upon the acceptance of the manuscript after the review process, the *Archives of Pharmacal Research* will charge a publication fee of US $20 per printed page and a submission fee of US $100.

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4) **Submission Checklist:**
- Letter of submission (cover letter)
- Title page: A short running title, and the number of words in the text from Abstract to Discussion.
- Manuscript format: 12-point Times New Roman font, double-spaced & one column text.
- Section order: Abstract, Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results, Discussion, Conflict of Interest, Acknowledgements, References, Tables, Figure Legends, and Figures.
- Reference Format.
- High-resolution digital images.
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Manuscripts should be in English, typewritten using Times New Roman font (12-point size) and double-spaced on an A4-size paper with at least 2.5 cm margins. Original articles should contain the following sections in the orders listed. Each section should begin on a new page and all pages should be numbered consecutively.

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This should be written on a separate page and it should include:
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- The number of words in the text from Abstract to Discussion

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The abstract should concisely present the hypothesis being tested, general methods, results, and conclusions. The abstract must be a single paragraph. Abstracts of more than 200 words will not be accepted. Four to six keywords must be supplied following the abstract.

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This section should start on a different page from the abstract. It should contain a concise, up-to-date description of the background to provide a general reader of the Journal with enough context to understand the research being presented and its significance, as well as providing a clear statement of the research question and any hypotheses being explored. Do not attempt to indicate the results obtained.

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Discussion should be provided separately from the Results. The use of a combined “Results and Discussion” section is discouraged. Whereas speculative discussion is allowed, it must be identified as such and be based on the data presented.

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All authors must disclose any actual or potential conflict of interest including any financial, personal or other relationships with other people or organizations within three years of beginning to affect their work. Manuscripts that do not include a conflict of interest statement will be returned to the authors for amendment before any editorial consideration.

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Research funding must be listed in the acknowledgements section and must include the funder and grant number.

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