Instruction for Authors

1. Aims and Scope

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3. How to Submit Manuscripts

All submissions should be made online at the *Archives of Pharmacal Research* Editorial Manager site at www.editorialmanager.com/arpr. New users will first need to register. Once logged on to the site as an author, follow the instructions to submit your manuscript. Authors should submit the text, tables and artworks in electronic form via this web-based manuscript submission system.

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- Letter of submission (cover letter)
- Title page which includes the number of words in the text from Abstract to Discussion and the number of tables, figures, and references.
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4. Preparation of Manuscripts

Manuscripts should be in English, typewritten using Arial or Times New Roman fonts (12-point size) only, and double-spaced throughout on A-4 size with at least 2.5 cm margin. 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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