

# INSTRUCTION FOR AUTHORS

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## Aims and scope:

JLUMHS publish the articles relevant to clinicians and researchers across a range of settings that address the major biological, environmental determinants of health. Submissions are accepted and based upon their potential to directly and substantially inform clinical practice or health policy, and their relevance to our national and international audience.

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- CiteFactor
- ICMJE (International Committee of Medical Journal Editors)
- Google Scholar
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Objective

Methodology

Results

Conclusion

Key words (minimum 6)

The abstract may not contain data not presented in the manuscript.

**Main Text:** Text must be arranged under the following headings and do not exceed 3000 words:

Introduction

Methodology

Results

Discussion

Conclusion

Acknowledgment(s) if any

Ethical permission

Conflict of interest

Funding

References

**Introduction:** It should contain brief review of the topic with strictly relevant literature in such a way that it highlights the importance of the study and that the purpose of the study should be clearly stated and should be referenced in Vancouver style & historical background. At the end, objectives and the rationale for the study should be mentioned.

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