Baylor Medical Student Review

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About the Journal

Founded by medical students at the Baylor College of Medicine, the *Baylor Medical Student Review* (*BMSR*) is a student-led medical journal created to promote scholarship and education throughout all of medicine. The *BMSR* serves as a medium for trainees at all levels to share their scholarly work and address critical matters in the medical field through various academic and creative means. In order to foster diverse viewpoints and commentaries, the Journal invites submissions from any healthcare student at the Baylor College of Medicine, as well as medical students, undergraduate students, and trainees at all levels from other schools. The *BMSR* follows a double-blind peer review process and encourages contributions in original research, reviews, editorials, and letters, in addition to narrative medicine pieces, artwork, and more.

Manuscript Format

Based on the recommendations from the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE).

Categories

Original Research
- Word Limit: 3000
- Maximum of 6 figures/tables
- Files to submit: cover letter (optional), title page, manuscript, figure files, table files

Review
- Word Limit: 4000
- Maximum of 6 figures/tables
- Reviews should be evidence-based, with balanced literature searches from major databases (e.g. PubMed/MEDLINE). Narrative and scoping reviews are welcome, but should be balanced and authoritative. Systematic reviews/Meta-Analysis should follow PRISMA guidelines.
- Mini-Reviews are considered for recent developments in specific fields
  - Word Limit: 1500
  - Maximum of 3 figures/tables
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- Commentaries, viewpoints, and perspectives on diverse topics in the healthcare field, including medical education, quality improvement, current events, and narrative medicine experiences.
- Word Limit: 2000
- Maximum of 3 figures/tables
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- Word Limit: 1500
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- All images must be completely unidentifiable. All authors must attest that patient consent to publish was obtained. If images are identifiable, authors must provide written documentation that patient consent was obtained to publish identifiable images.
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- Commentary addressing work published by the Journal within the last six months. Published by the editorial board on a case-by-case basis.
- Word Limit: 750
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- Files to submit: cover letter (optional), title page, manuscript, figure files, table files

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- New or preliminary findings, early reports, reports with low sample sizes may be submitted as a brief research letter as a means of quick dissemination of interesting findings.
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- Maximum of 2 figures/tables
- Reference limit: 6
- Files to submit: cover letter (optional), title page, manuscript, figure files, table files

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- Digital media, photography, paintings, drawings, and poetry
- Provide description to accompany artwork
  - Word Limit: 500
- Files to submit: cover letter (optional), title page, artwork file, accompanying description in supplemental file upload

Abstract
- Stand-alone abstracts of original research are considered for publication in the Journal's supplemental issue. Previously presented work is welcome.
- Files to submit: cover letter (optional), title page, individual abstract file

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- Stand-alone posters of original research are considered for display in Poster Hall of Fame in the Journal's supplemental issue. Previously presented work is welcome.
- Files to submit: cover letter (optional), title page, individual poster file

Guidelines

All of the following items should be submitted as individual files: cover letter (optional); title page; manuscript including abstract (required for original research, reviews, editorials and case reports), keywords, and references; figures; tables; and supplemental files (if applicable). Manuscripts for original research should be separated into Introduction, Methods, Results, and Discussion sections. All manuscripts should be submitted as editable .doc or .docx files. All items other than the title page should be anonymized. Abbreviations must be preceded by the full phrase in each section. Measurement values should be denoted in SI units. Only previously unpublished work will be considered for publication in the main issue by the Journal. Submission implies that all authors have read and approved the final work. Authors published in the *BMSR* may share and republish their work in other fora without restriction.

Citation of the work published in the Journal should be as follows:

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- Text should be displayed in Times New Roman font, 12-point size, and black ink.
- All sections should be double-spaced and in portrait orientation.
- Include line and page numbers on all pages.

Title Page
- Include title, author names, degrees, affiliations, corresponding author information with email contact information, funding information, disclosures, author contributions, word count, total number of figures/tables, conflicts of interests, and acknowledgements.
- Equal authorship may be indicated with asterisks.

Abstract
- All abstracts should be 250 words or less. Research abstracts should be structured and separated into Introduction, Methods, Results, and Discussion sections. All other abstracts should be unstructured.

Keywords
- A maximum of 6 keywords should be indicated below the abstract.

Figures
- Figures should be high-resolution and submitted as individual .png, .jpg, or .tif files. Figures should include titles and figure legends. All figures should be referenced in the primary submission file in numerical order.

Tables
- Tables should be submitted as editable individual .doc or .docx files. Tables should include titles and captions. All tables should be referenced in the primary submission file in numerical order.

References
- References should be formatted in accordance with the American Medical Association (AMA) citation style. References should be numbered in the order they appear in the manuscript. In-manuscript references should be denoted with corresponding superscript numbers.
- See examples: https://marymount.libguides.com/AMA/reference

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- Additional information may be submitted alongside article submissions in the form of supplemental file(s). Each supplemental file should have an accompanying caption and should be referred to in the primary article submission. Examples of accepted supplemental file formats include .doc, .docx, .csv, .xlsx, .png, .jpg, .tif, .ppt, .pptx.

Submission Procedure

Submissions can be made here.

Peer Review Process

The *Baylor Medical Student Review* conducts a timely double-blinded peer review process to ensure rigor and integrity. Reviewer comments will be attached to the decision letter. Files to

submit: clean manuscript (in regular manuscript file upload), manuscript with tracked changes, and point-by-point response to the reviewers.

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