

# Choosing Epidemiological Journals

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page is created for personal usage; may not be most updated; please check the up-to-date instructions from the respective journal sites. Some of these journals are associated with very high APC or open access fees; please consult your institution if they have any discount / agreement with journals / publishers. Also check on your own if any of these are predatory journals or not. The journals are not listed in any particular order.

## International Journal of Epidemiology / IJE

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Type	Words (excluding refs/key features)	Tab or Fig (total)	Ref	Abstract words	Key message bullet points (in complete sentence)	Max authors
Original Articles	3000	8	50	250	3-5	
Cohort Profiles	2500-3000	5	30		3-5	
Cohort Profile Updates	2000-2500	5	30		3-5	
Data Resource Profiles	2500-3000	5	30		3-5	
Software Application Profiles	1500-2000 (include case use)	2	25	150 with URL		
Education Corner	1500-2500 (supplementary additional; should include an illustration or motivating example)	5	30	Unstructured, 250	3-5	
Opinion	3000	4	30	Unstructured, 150 (only for editors/will not be published)		
Letters to the Editor	700 (or 500 for response)	2	10			3

Type	Words (excluding refs/key features)	Tab or Fig (total)	Ref	Abstract words	Key message bullet points (in complete sentence)	Max authors
Editorials (invited only)	1500	2	20			4
Commentaries (invited only)	1000	2	10			4
Book Reviews	500-1500; usually commissioned but we may consider uninvited submissions					
Obituaries	500-1000 + high-quality image of the person					
Poetry	usually commissioned but we will consider uninvited submissions					

## Epidemiology

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Type	Words and refs	Description
Original Research Articles	1500 to 4000 words	Research articles should begin with a short introduction (background and reason for undertaking the work), followed by Methods, Results, and Discussion. Papers on methodology are not required to follow this structure.
Brief Reports	up to 1500 words	brief reports of research results or methodological developments that can be presented succinctly. Brief reports should follow the content and structure of original research articles.
Validation Studies	2000 words	Validation studies should follow the outline for an Original Research Article and should provide estimates to inform bias analyses or otherwise be of use in epidemiologic research.

Type	Words and refs	Description
Review Articles and Meta-analyses	up to 5000 words	
Commentaries	up to 2000 words	Commentaries may address any topic of interest to the epidemiologic community, including the implications of specific findings for public health policy or descriptions of novel hypotheses with strong plausibility.
Letters	up to 400 words, 4 references	Letters allow authors to submit critical responses to published papers. Letters are published only online, but will be listed in the corresponding issue's table of contents and indexed in PubMed.
Research Letters	up to 600 words, 1 table or figure, 8 references	Research letters allow authors to present original data in a succinct format. Like Original Research Articles or Brief Reports, these manuscripts are subject to peer review. Letters are published only online, where they are available for free. They will be listed in the table of contents of an issue and indexed in PubMed.
Remembrances	up to 400 words, with photograph	

## American Journal of Epidemiology / AJE

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Manuscript Type	Description	Word Count	Abstract?
Original Contribution	<p>Description</p> <p>Reports of original research comprising laboratory, field, clinical, or mathematical modeling studies of conditions that impact the population's health, as well as studies of statistical or methodological issues.</p>	4,000	Yes
Practice of Epidemiology and Methodology	<p>Papers dealing with the practical application of epidemiologic or statistical methods (such as the implementation of statistical techniques or the evaluation of interview strategies).</p>	4,000	Yes
Study Design	<p>Manuscripts that describe designs, methods, and procedures of specific epidemiologic studies, particularly large and/or multicenter studies.</p>	4,000	Yes

Manuscript Type	Description	Word Count	Abstract?
Systematic Reviews and Meta- and Pooled Analysis	In-depth reviews and analyses on both substantive subject areas and methodologic aspects of epidemiology.	4,000	Yes
The AJE	Short articles in which basics of epidemiologic methods are explained.	1,500	No
Classroom Research Letter	Articles presenting new data (often preliminary) that are not of sufficient length to warrant an Original Contribution. Only 1 figure and 1 short table are permitted.	1,500	No
OPINION ARTICLES			
Commentary	Opinion piece about either an epidemiologic topic or a previously published AJE article.	2,000	Yes
Data-Driven Commentary	Article in which authors present the state of knowledge on a topic along with their opinions on the topic. The purpose is to effectively synthesize the available data while also commenting on the current state of affairs	4,000	Yes
Point–Counterpoint	Groups of 2 articles in which authors present different sides of a discussion.	2,000 each	Yes
Editorial	A short opinion piece written by an editor/editors of the AJE. Similar articles written by those who are not editors should be submitted as commentaries.	1,500	No
Letter to the Editor	Brief response to an article recently published in the AJE. The authors of the original paper will be invited to respond. Note that letters to the editor are not blinded.	500–600	No
Erratum	A brief article detailing necessary corrections to a previously published AJE article. They must include a description of the error, the corrected text, and a reference to the original article.	No limit	No

## Journal of Clinical Epidemiology / JCE

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Abstract headings: Objective, Study Design and Setting, Results, and Conclusion

Type	Word count	Abstract	References	Table	Figure
Reviews	3,000 words	200 words	50 references	5 tables	5 figures
Original Articles	3,000 words	200 words	50 references	5 tables	5 figures
Letters	500 words	200 words			
Commentaries	2,500 words	200 words	10 references	2 figures	2 tables

## Pharmacoepidemiology and Drug Safety / PDS

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Article Type	Description	Word Limit	Abstract / Structure	Other Requirements
Original Articles	Reports of new research findings or conceptual analyses that make a significant contribution to knowledge	3,000 limit (excluding abstract, tables, figures, and references), Structure: Purpose, Methods, Results, and Conclusions	Yes, structured, no more than 250 words	Five Key Points Plain Language Summary Ethics / IRB Statement Conflicts of Interest Statement
Commentaries	Commentaries are evidence-based opinion pieces that cover a variety of topics of current interest in pharmacoepidemiology and pharmacovigilance, and the intersection between these disciplines and society.	1,500 limit (commissioned and submitted); no more than 15 references	No abstract	Five Key Points
Review Articles	Critical reviews of the literature, including systematic reviews and meta-analyses. Hot topics, controversies, and pharmacoepidemiologic methods are welcome.	3,000 limit (excluding abstract, figures, tables and references); no more than 150 references	Yes, unstructured	Five Key Points

Article Type	Description	Word Limit	Abstract / Structure	Other Requirements
Brief Reports	Preliminary findings of research in progress or a case report of particular interest	1,500 limit, Structure: Purpose, Methods, Results, and Conclusions; No more than 1 table, 1 figure, 15 references. In highly unusual situations, case reports (Pharmacoepidemiol Drug Saf 2007; 16:473), will be considered for publication as Brief Reports	Yes, structured (Purpose, Methods, Results, Conclusions)	Five Key Points Ethics / IRB Statement Conflicts of Interest Statement
Letters to the Editor	May be in response to issues arising from recently published articles, or short, free-standing opinion pieces.	1,000 limit, unstructured	No abstract	
Real-World Data Sources for Pharmacoepidemiologic Research	Dedicated to describing available real-world data sources for pharmacoepidemiologic studies.	3000 limit (excluding abstract, tables, figures, and references); unstructured.	Yes, unstructured, no more than 250 words	Five Key Points See FAQs here for the core contents to cover.

## European Journal of Epidemiology / EJE

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Article Type	Description	Word Limit
Original Articles	provide 4 to 6 keywords which can be used for indexing purposes.	An abstract of 150 to 250 words. The abstract should not contain any undefined abbreviations or unspecified references.
Reviews	Solicited and non-solicited papers on topical subjects will be published.	
Short Communications	Be very concise in writing their introduction and discussion.	The length and the number of figures are limited to 2000 words (text, including 10 references), 2 figures (which can be multi-panel figures) and a maximum of two tables.
Commentaries	Solicited and non-solicited papers on topical subjects will be published.	
Letters to the Editor		The length is limited to a maximum of 1000 words and 5 references.

## Annals of Epidemiology / AoE

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Types of paper	words	Tables, structured abstract	Figures, or other	Description
Original article	3000	200	6	a new piece of work
Brief Communication	2000	200	3	a short Original Article
Rapid Reports	1000			a new fact, method, observation for quick presentation



Types of paper	words	Tables, structured abstract	Figures, or other	Description
Study Method and Design				methodologic, logistic, or design focus that may or may not contain results but that presents something of interest in the design itself; simple descriptions of newly established studies, without results or an issue of intrinsic interest, are discouraged—format the same as that for original articles.
Reviews and Commentaries	negotiable, 200, 5000	as unstructured	needed	descriptive, analytic or synthetic consideration of a topic or hypothesis
Editorials	1500; generally invited but could be author initiated after consultation			a comment on a paper that has appeared recently in the Annals
Letters to the Editor	750	Not allowed		
Book Reviews	1500; generally invited			

## Global Epidemiology / GE

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Follows instructions established by the Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to a Biomedical Journal.

Type	Description
Original Research Articles	(including reports of null results)

Type	Description
Review Articles	
Reports of methodological developments and innovations	highest priority to those that focus on the concepts, ideas and philosophical foundations of epidemiologic methods.
Study Protocols	In-depth descriptions of methods to be used in soon-to-be-launched epidemiological studies.
Teaching articles	up-to-date discussions of epidemiologic methods and practices, that achieve excellence in explanation, and that are suitable for use in the classroom or for continuing education
Validation Studies	inform quantitative bias (uncertainty, sensitivity) analyses.
Commentaries (usually invited)	
Editorials (usually invited)	
Letters to the Editor	
International Perspectives	Commentaries on public health issues around the world, especially in developing countries.

## Epidemiology & Infection / EI

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outline key results / importance in 3-5 short bullet points

Type	Word count	Abstract	References	Table Figure
Original Papers	preferably between 2000 and 4000 words (excluding references)		below 40	
Short Reports	below 3000 (excluding references)		up to 10 references	not more than one table or figure
Review Articles	between 2500 and 4000 words			no limit to tables and figures
From the Field	up to 2000 words	no longer than 100 words	maximum of 15	
For Debate Letters to the Editor				

# Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health / JECH

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Type	Word count	Abstract	References	Table or Illustration/Box
Editorial	up to 1200 words			1
Commentary	up to 800 words		up to 12 references	
Original research	up to 3000 words	maximum of 250 words (Background, Methods, Results and Conclusion)	up to 40	up to 5
Short report	up to 1500 words	up to 200 words	up to 20	up to 2
Evidence-based public health policy and practice	up to 3000 words	up to 250 words	up to 40	5
Theory and methods	up to 3000 words	up to 250 words	up to 40	up to 5
Essay	up to 3000 words	up to 250 words	up to 50	up to 5
Glossary	up to 3000 words	should not exceed 150 words	up to 50	
Debate	up to 1500 words	up to 150 words	up to 15	1
Research agenda	up to 1500 words	up to 150 words	up to 30	up to 2
Speakers' corner	up to 800 words		up to 10	0
Gallery	up to 200 words			1

Type	Word count	Abstract	References	Table or Illustration/Box
Letter	up to 400 words		up to 5	1
Obituary	up to 250 words			1
Aphorism	up to 200 words		up to 5	1
Supplements				

## Others from known publishers

- Journal of Epidemiology and Global Health
- Infection Control & Hospital Epidemiology
- Epidemiology and Psychiatric Sciences
- Genetic Epidemiology
- Biostatistics & Epidemiology
- Clinical Epidemiology and Global Health

## Others

I am not/less familiar with the following:

- Clinical Epidemiology: See Wiki about the publisher Dove Medical Press
- Frontiers in Epidemiology: See Wiki about the publisher Frontiers Media
- Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention: See Wiki about the publisher AACR

Some of the following seem to be international:

- Journal of Epidemiology: Japan Epidemiological Association
- Epidemiology and Health: Korean Society of Epidemiology
- Journal of Biostatistics and Epidemiology: Tehran University of Medical Sciences
- Epidemiology and Health System Journal: Shahrekord University of Medical Sciences
- Iranian Journal of Epidemiology: Tehran University of Medical Sciences
- Nepal Journal of Epidemiology: Tribhuvan University Central Library
- Journal of Preventive Epidemiology: Society of Diabetic Nephropathy Prevention

- Epidemiology and Society Health Review: Universitas Ahmad Dahlan
- Journal of Interventional Epidemiology and Public Health: African Field Epidemiology Network
- International Journal of Epidemiology and Health Sciences: based in the Netherlands

Missing any interesting Epidemiology journal? Let me know.