

Choosing Epidemiological Journals

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		Fig (total)	Ref		bullet points (in complete sentence)	
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	

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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Opinion	3000	4	30	Unstructured, 150 (only for editors/will not be published)		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
Editorials (invited only)	1500	2	20			4
Commentaries (invited only)	1000	2	10			4

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Book	500-1500; usually					
Reviews	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					

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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.
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.

Type	Words and refs	Description
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	

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ORIGINAL RESEARCH ARTICLES

Manuscript		Word	
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Original Contribution	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. We encourage methodological contributions aimed at improving the design and analysis of epidemiologic studies. Although we recognize that such papers may require a technical level above that of the typical original contribution published in the Journal, we encourage authors of methodological papers to make them as comprehensible as possible by using examples based on epidemiologic studies and by relegating highly technical material to appendices.	4,000	Yes
Practice of Epidemiology and Methodology	Papers dealing with the practical application of epidemiologic or statistical methods (such as the implementation of statistical techniques or the evaluation of interview strategies).	4,000	Yes
Study Design	Manuscripts that describe designs, methods, and procedures of specific epidemiologic studies, particularly large and/or multicenter studies.	4,000	Yes
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

Manuscript		Word	
Type	Description	Count	Abstract?
The AJE Classroom	Short articles in which basics of epidemiologic methods are explained.	1,500	No
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

Manuscript		Word	
Type	Description	Count	Abstract?
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

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Article			Abstract /	Other
Type	Description	Word Limit	Structure	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

Article			Abstract /	Other
Type	Description	Word Limit	Structure	Requirements
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, un-structured	Five Key Points

Article			Abstract /	Other
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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	

Article Type	Description	Word Limit	Abstract / Structure	Other Requirements
Real-World Data Sources for Pharmacoepidemiologic Research	Dedicated to describing available real-world data sources for pharmacoepidemiologic studies. See “Profiling Real-World Data Sources for Pharmacoepidemiologic Research: A Call for Papers” for more information.	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.

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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.

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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.

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Types of paper	words	Tables, structured abstract or other			Description
		words	figures	figures	
Original article	3000	200	6		a new piece of work

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Brief Com- munication	2000	200	3		a short Original Article
Rapid Reports	1000				a new fact, method, observation for quick presentation
Study					methodologic, logistic, or design focus that may
Method and Design					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 Com- mentaries	negotiable, 200, 5000	200, unstruc- tured	as needed		descriptive, analytic or synthetic consideration of a topic or hypothesis

Types of paper	words	Tables, structured Figures, abstract or other			Description
Editorials	1500; gener- ally invited but could be author initiated after consul- tation				a comment on a paper that has appeared recently in the Annals
Letters to the Editor	750	Not allowed			
Book Reviews	1500; gener- ally invited				