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Types of articles and journals scope

DYSONA - Life Science journal publishes in two types of articles:

- Original research articles
- Review papers (only invited reviews are currently considered for publishing)

Regarding journals scopes and areas of interests during the current phase,

Please visit [aims and scopes](#) page.

General information regarding manuscript preparation

Manuscripts should introduce original information with visible impact on community. Manuscripts must **NOT** have been published before in another publication media **OR** submitted currently for review in another journal. The author should declare that both the previously mentioned statements are true during submission process.

Language: All manuscripts should be submitted in English. Articles should be easy to understand and free of grammatical mistakes. Furthermore, The usage of proper scientific terminologies is crucial therefore, authors whose English is not their native language are advised to use a native language editing service.



File format: Manuscripts should be submitted in DOC or DOCX all submitted files should be editable with no protection or lock.

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Abbreviating: Defining abbreviations should be provided separately after abstract. There is no need to define abbreviations throughout manuscript; however, long treatments names should be abbreviated in Materials and Methods section. Abbreviating is used for phrases that appear more than twice in the article.

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- Only capitalize the first letter in the title in addition to names and other proper nouns.
- Scientific names rules should be considered.

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- All participated authors should be mentioned.
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- Separate affiliation numbers by comma and separate authors names by semicolons
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This section is to be written after affiliations. First, author's name should be written then his/her role. These roles should be consisted of one or more assignment of the following:

- Methodology
- Supervising
- Designing and experiment preparing
- Laboratory or field efforts
- Data handling and analyzing
- Result and outcome reasoning
- Manuscript writing and editing

However, other roles can be specified and mentioned by the authors

Example:

- First Author: Methodology and Data handling
- Second Author: Supervising
- Third Author: Results reasoning and Manuscript writing

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- It is preferable that the number of abstract words does not exceed 250. However, exceptions can be considered.
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- Three or more key words are required after the manuscript. Key words should be separated by semicolons
- It is preferable to use key word other than those presented in the title.
- Referencing is **NOT** allowed in the abstract.

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This section should follow abstract and key words section. All abbreviations except for treatments abbreviations should be defined. New abbreviations can be created; however, it is preferable to use the universally known abbreviations which will make it easier for the readers to reach the article.

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This section must include the following points

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- Full description of the used software (data collection, data mining, design, statistical analysis, graphing ...etc.)
- Full description for the used statistical analysis.



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All the produced **Results** should be described fully. However, avoid repeating data in figures and tables except for key data or to point significant findings.

Discussion should contain arguments and evidences regarding the rationality of the introduced results. Deductions and reasoning based on previous studies are an important part of the discussion.

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Acknowledgments:

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References:

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- All vertical borders of the tables should be deleted.



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- Figures and Graphs are inserted after their first mention in the manuscript and mentioned throughout manuscript text (only as figures) and in order (example of mentioning a figure in text: as seen in Fig. 1)
- All Figures should be provided with the highest quality possible.
- Accepted formats are .png, .jpeg, .jpg.
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Additional points regarding figures and tables preparation:

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- Please make sure that the captions contain a clarification for any abbreviation in the table or figure.

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As a part of E-NAMTILA, DYSONA journals aim to achieve a connection between modern science and community. Therefore, all new submissions must include a separate file that contains an abstract written in a simplistic manner. This abstract should contain the key points of the manuscript. Additionally, the abstract for non-specialized community might contain the applications of the research in the life of the readers or the direct impact on community. More points can be added or discussed with the author after manuscript acceptance.

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Cover letter

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Conflict of interests (COIs) declaration

In addition to the original manuscript, the submitting author should upload Form for Disclosure of Potential Conflicts of Interest. Provided by the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE), this form contains a full definition for COIs and provides a step by step guidance to declare COIs properly

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These workflows, charts and special cases are introduced by COPE. Each one is used to achieve and understand one or more practice of COPE core practices. For further information please consider reading the practices in the following table using the DOI adjacent to each practice.



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	<u>Allegations of misconduct</u>	<u>Authorship and contributorship</u>	<u>Complaints and appeals</u>	<u>Conflicts of interest / Competing interests</u>	<u>Data and reproducibility</u>	<u>Ethical oversight</u>	<u>Intellectual property</u>	<u>Journal management</u>	<u>Peer review processes</u>	<u>Post-publication discussions and corrections</u>
English: all flowcharts	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
General approach to publication ethics for the Editorial Office	X	X	X	X				X		X
Responding to Whistleblowers - concerns raised directly	X									
Systematic manipulation of the publication process		X					X	X	X	X
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What to do if you suspect image manipulation in a published article								X		X
What to do if you suspect peer review manipulation	X								X	
What to do if you suspect an ethical problem	X		X			X		X		
Suspected ghost, guest or gift authorship		X								
What to consider when asked to peer review a manuscript									X	
How to spot authorship problems		X								
How to spot potential manipulation of the peer review process									X	
Responding to Whistleblowers - concerns raised via social media	X									
Suspected redundant publication in a published manuscript										X
Suspected redundant publication in a submitted manuscript										
Request for removal of author after publication		X								
Request for addition of extra author after publication		X								
Corresponding author requests removal of author before publication		X								
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What to do if a reader suspects undisclosed conflict of interest in a published article				X						
What to do if a reviewer suspects undisclosed conflict of interest in a submitted manuscript				X						
What to do if you suspect a reviewer has appropriated an author's idea or data									X	
Suspected fabricated data in a published manuscript					X					
Suspected fabricated data in a submitted manuscript					X					
Suspected plagiarism in a published manuscript							X			
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[Responsible research publication: international standards for authors](#)



Furthermore, DYSONA - Life Science publication policy operates in correspondence with the [Recommendations for the Conduct, Reporting, Editing, and Publication of Scholarly work in Medical Journals](#) provided by the [International Committee of Medical Journal Editors \(ICMJE\)](#). Therefore, we highly recommend our authors to become acquainted with these guidelines.

DYSONA adopted guidelines in relation to specific fields of study

Animal experiments

In relation to animal based experiments and the usage of laboratory animals, DYSONA journals adopts workflows and recommendations of [\(Animal Research: Reporting of In Vivo Experiments\) \(ARRIVE\) guidelines](#) provided by the national centre for the replacement refinement and reduction of animals in research (NC3Rs)

Medical studies and human medical case report

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To ensure proper handling and publishing procedures for medical case report, DYSONA journals is adopting the [Journals' Best Practices for ensuring consent for publishing medical case reports: guidance from COPE](#)

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Furthermore, DYSONA adopts the Good Clinical Research Practice (GCP) guidelines introduced by World Health Organization (WHO) as the road map to achieve ethical clinical scientific researches.

- **World Health Organization. (2005). Handbook for good clinical research practice (GCP): guidance for implementation. World Health Organization. <https://apps.who.int/iris/handle/10665/43392>**

(WHO) also provided the workbook for investigators in the field of tropical diseases as a part of [UNDP/World Bank/WHO Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases \(TDR\)](#). Therefore, practices and guidelines introduced in this workbook should be taken into consideration.

- **UNDP/World Bank/WHO Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases. (2002). Workbook for investigators. World Health Organization. <https://apps.who.int/iris/handle/10665/67354>**



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