Instructions to authors

Thank you for your interest in Frontiers of Oral and Maxillofacial Medicine (FOMM). Please consult the following instructions to help you prepare your manuscript, and feel free to contact us with any questions. To ensure fast peer review and publication, manuscripts that do not adhere to the following instructions will be returned to the corresponding author for technical revision before undergoing peer review. We are looking forward to your submission.

1. ABOUT THE JOURNAL
Frontiers of Oral and Maxillofacial Medicine (Front Oral Maxillofac Med; FOMM) is an open access, peer-reviewed electronic journal providing high-quality and cutting-edge research and information related to oral and maxillofacial science with an aim to improve current diagnosis and treatment of oral and maxillofacial diseases. The journal focuses on current techniques and surgical innovations in the orofacial and head and neck region. FOMM will serve as an international and professional platform for healthcare professionals including surgeons, physicians and scientists to share their research, knowledge and experience.

FOMM welcomes submissions of Original Article, Review Article, Surgical Technique, Case Report, iMDT Corner (report with International Multidisciplinary Team discussion), Clinical Guideline, Letters to the Editor, etc.

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2. MANUSCRIPT CATEGORIES
FOMM groups articles in the following categories:
Oral and maxillofacial surgery
Oral medicine
Prosthodontics
Orthodontics
Oral pathology
Oral anatomy and physiology
Dental materials
Pediatric dentistry
Preventive dentistry
Dental nursing
FOMM accepts submissions of the following article types:
Original Article (including Systematic Review and Meta-analysis)
Review Article
Editorial Commentary
Editorial
Surgical Technique
Case Report
iMDT Corner
Brief Research Report
Clinical Guideline
Correspondence
Images in Clinical Medicine
Meeting Report

(1) Original Article
Word limit: 5,000 words maximum including abstract but excluding references, tables and figures.
Abstract: 450 words maximum, with sub-headers (background, methods, results and conclusions).
References: no maximum.
Figures/Tables: no maximum, but 8 figures should be sufficient.
Description: Original Articles are to present original clinical research, observation or basic science findings in the field of oral and maxillofacial science or relevant specialties. FOMM encourages Original Articles with unique hypothesis or research question and purpose in the background, clear and detailed methods, honest data and results, and innovative findings or possible implications in the conclusion based on the evidence collected. Originality and clinical impact are essential for acceptance of Original Articles. The systematic review and meta-analysis in FOMM is addressed as original article. Original articles should entail a section describing the contribution of each author to the manuscript as well as Statement of Ethics Approval. See section “AUTHORS’ CONTRIBUTION” and section “STATEMENT OF ETHICS APPROVAL” for details.

(2) Review Article
Word limit: 6,000 words maximum including abstract but excluding references, tables and figures.
Abstract: 450 words maximum, unstructured (no use of sub-headers).
References: no maximum.
Figures/Tables: minimum 1 figure or table.
Description: Reviews are comprehensive summaries or analyses of specific topics. FOMM encourages reviews discussing challenges or questions posed in the clinical practice or research and provide the authors’ perspective on the future prospects of the field of oral and maxillofacial science. FOMM emphasizes that an acceptable Review Article should not be a ‘book chapter’ generally covering a topic, but should be a focused application of literature to address a relevant clinical issue. Both solicited and unsolicited review articles will undergo peer review prior to acceptance. Review articles should entail a section describing the contribution of each author to the manuscript. See section “AUTHORS’ CONTRIBUTION” for details.

(3) Editorial Commentary
Word Limit: 2,500 words maximum excluding references, tables and figures.
Abstract: not required for this manuscript type.
References: 25 maximum.
Figures/Tables: 2 maximum.
Description: The Editors will invite an expert in the field to discuss a paper or report or event within the past few months or so, or in the near future and provide a commentary on the importance of each accepted paper to outline its strengths and weaknesses. It should set the problems addressed by the paper/report/event in the wider context of the field.

(4) Editorial
Word Limit: 2,500 words maximum excluding references, tables and figures.
Abstract: not required for this manuscript type.
References: 25 maximum.
Figures/Tables: 2 maximum.
Description: Editorials are written by recognized experts in the field under invitation to provide valuable new information to the community. It is generally solicited by the (Deputy) Editor(s)-in-Chief.

(5) Surgical Technique
Word limit: 2,500 words (Max) excluding references, tables and figures.
Abstract: Unstructured. 250 words (Max)
References: 20 (Max)
Figures/Tables: 8 (Max) in total
Videos*: 3 (Max). Videos are encouraged with video
legends

**Description:** Surgical Technique is a featured section that publishes illustrated articles on innovative and challenging surgical techniques with implications and pitfalls, providing educational knowledge for surgeons and inspiring further innovation. This section would include technical notes presenting a new experimental or improved method, test or procedure. The method described may either be completely new, or may offer a better version of an existing method. These articles must include four subheadings – Abstract, Introduction, Operative Techniques and Comments. The body of the article should include 10-15 medical drawings or photos, accompanied by detailed legends, describing the operative procedures in a step-by-step format. Expert opinions regarding possible pitfalls and the comparison of the described procedure with other methods are encouraged. It is important to submit (1) the outline of your manuscript and (2) the attached graphics by the submission date. Illustrations in color are encouraged and the finalized graphics submitted will be printed at no cost to the authors.

(6) Case Report

**Word limit:** 2,500 words maximum excluding references, tables and figures.

**Abstract:** unstructured (no use of sub-headers), 300 words maximum.

**References:** 20 maximum.

**Figures/Tables:** 8 maximum.

**Description:** These articles report unusual cases or specific instances of interesting phenomena, new observations of diseases, clinical findings or novel/unique treatment outcomes relevant to practitioners in thoracic surgeries. The text should be arranged as follows: Introduction, Case Report, Discussion or Introduction, Patient selection and workup, Pre-operative preparation, Equipment preference card, Procedure, Role of team members, Post-operative management, Tips, Tricks and Pitfalls, Discussion. Only cases of exceptional interest and novelty are considered. For manuscripts that do not qualify, Editors may ask authors to shorten manuscripts and rewrite as Letters to the Editor.

(7) iMDT Corner

**Word limit:** 4,000 words maximum excluding references, tables and figures.

**Abstract:** not required for this manuscript type.

**References:** 20 maximum.

**Figures/tables:** 8 maximum.

**Description:** In terms of the case report, FOMM gives a priority in publishing the reports with International Multidisciplinary Team (iMDT) discussion, which include the opinions of all relevant international health professionals discussing options and making joint decisions about treatment and supportive care plans, taking into account the personal preferences of the patient, to provide high quality, precision treatment options and management of the individual patient's needs. The above includes unreported adverse events of remarkable effects of a new therapy; novel suggestions or pitfalls in diagnosing oral and maxillofacial disease. Authors are requested to clarify in Discussion what readers could learn from the case. A pathologist should be included as an author when the histological findings play a key role of the report. Information that can be linked to the patients’ identification must be carefully masked.

The format of this category is recommended as follows:

**Introduction:** a brief descriptions of background information including current acknowledgment of diagnosis and treatment for the following cases.

**Case presentation:** Reports highlighting unusual presentations of thoracic diseases, treatment outcome, toxicity, etc.

**iMDT (Expert opinion1, 2, 3...):** Invited international expert gave their opinions on the difficulty of diagnosis and treatment of the presented cases. Authors should simplify their opinion by using written language. Treatment and follow-up: a brief introduction of therapeutic strategies and the efficacy and follow-up.

**Discussion (Question1, 2, 3...):** the authors proposed a series of valuable and meaningful questions related to the diagnosis and treatment of the presented cases. Invited international expert gave their perspectives to these questions.

**Conclusions:** the authors summarized the cases and what readers could learn from the case.

(8) Brief Research Report

**Word limit:** 2,500 words including abstract but excluding references, tables and figures.

**Abstract:** unstructured (no use of sub-headers), 300 words maximum.

**References:** 35 maximum.

**Figures/tables:** 8 maximum.

**Description:** Manuscripts containing preliminary report, experimental work and new methods concerning oral and maxillofacial surgeries or reports on new observations or studies that do not warrant publication as a full research article will be considered for the Brief Research Reports.
These submissions will undergo full peer review.

(9) Clinical Guideline
**Word limit:** 6,000 words maximum including abstract but excluding references, tables and figures.
**Abstract:** unstructured (no use of sub-headers), 450 words maximum.
**References:** no maximum.
**Figures/tables:** minimum 1 figure or table.
**Description:** Clinical Guidelines in FOMM are statements based on systematic review of evidence and practice experience relevant to thoracic surgeries. It could serves as recommendation of clinical decisions and appropriate health care for patients. Guidelines need to be the product of a large group of individuals who are recognized authorities in their field. Guidelines will be written by a working party to include a steering committee (usually at least 4 members) and other authors representing a wide range of those with special relevant expertise as well as those whose everyday practice will be influenced by the guidelines.

(10) Correspondence
**Word limit:** 1000 words maximum excluding references, tables and figures.
**Abstract:** Not required.
**References:** Not more than 10.
**Figures/tables:** Only one table or figure.
**Description:** Correspondence on content published in the Journal or on other topics of interest to our readers is welcomed. The journal might invite replies from the authors of the original publication, or pass on letters to these authors. Correspondence is also referred to as Letter to the Editor.

(11) Images in Clinical Medicine
**Word Limit:** Should contain no more than 150 words.
**Abstract:** not required for this manuscript type.
**Title:** Should contain no more than eight words.
**Authors:** No more than two authors may be listed.
**References:** Not allowed.
**Description:** Images in Clinical Medicine are classic and clear images of medical conditions in clinical practice in the field of oral and maxillofacial surgery with educational values. Images are an important part of what we do and learn. This feature is intended to capture the sense of visual discovery and variety that physicians experience and provide. Images in Clinical Medicine are not intended as a vehicle for case reports. Original, high-quality images are considered for publication (subject to editing and abridgment) provided they do not contain material that has been submitted or published elsewhere. Images in Clinical Medicine will be reviewed and decided to be accepted or not by the (Deputy) Editor(s)-in-Chief without peer-review process.

(12) Meeting Report
**Word limit:** 4,000 words maximum including abstract but excluding references, tables and figures.
**Abstract:** unstructured (no use of sub-headers), 300 words maximum.
**References:** no maximum.
**Figures/tables:** no maximum, but 8 figures should be sufficient.
**Description:** Brief reports of symposia and conferences in related to oral and maxillofacial surgery. Reports must be submitted within 2 months of the meeting date in order to maintain their timeliness. Only those Meeting Reports dealing with topics of interest to the readership and that contain novel information and insights from the meeting are accepted for publication. A Meeting Report should be a thoughtful, critical commentary which shows an appreciation of the connections among the various presentations and reveals the consensus, if any, which emerged at the meeting. Before submitting a full Meeting Report, authors should only send an outline of the proposed paper for initial consideration.

3. STRUCTURE OF THE MANUSCRIPT
The length of manuscripts must adhere to the specifications under the section “MANUSCRIPT CATEGORIES”. Manuscripts should be presented in the following order:

(i) title page (title, running title, authors, institutions and affiliations, Author's Contribution)
(ii) abstract and key words
(iii) text
(iv) acknowledgments
(v) footnote
(vi) references
(vii) supplementary material
(viii) figure legends
(ix) tables (each table complete with title and footnotes)
(x) figures (it is recommended that figures, tables and videos are provided in separate files).

TITLE PAGE
The title page should include
• The title of the paper. Concise titles are easier to read
than long, convoluted ones. Titles that are too short may, however, lack important information, such as study design (which is particularly important in identifying randomized controlled trials). Authors should include all information in the title that will make electronic retrieval of the article both sensitive and specific (no abbreviations allowed).

- The full names of the authors and the addresses of the institutions at which the work was carried out (in English).
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- A short running title (less than 60 characters) should also be provided.
- Author’s Contribution. In keeping with the latest guidelines of the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors, for the original article, review article and systematic review/meta-analysis, the information of author contribution is needed (See section “Author’s Contribution” for details).

ABSTRACT AND KEYWORDS

The abstracts must adhere to the specifications under the section Manuscript Categories. The abstract of an original article, review article, systematic review and meta-analysis, should be structured into four paragraphs with sub-headers of background, methods, results and conclusions.

The abstracts for all the other manuscript types should be unstructured. The abstract should not contain any abbreviations or acronyms, as well as citations of reference, figures or tables. And general statements (e.g. “the significance of the results is discussed”) should be avoided. Following the Abstract, 3-5 keywords should be given.

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The text part should be arranged into short/sharp paragraphs, which are best suited for reading on-screen. Authors must use the following sub-headers to divide the sections of their Original Article manuscript: Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion, Acknowledgment, Footnote, References, and when relevant, Supplementary Material. Plus, authors should follow the same structures in systematic review and meta-analysis. However, review, editorial, commentary and others do not have those clear sections, they can be written in several sections with their own headers according to the topic (see detailed requirements in the previous section “MANUSCRIPT CATEGORIES”).

If an article describes any procedure, technology or apparatus that is new, has not been used in the indication described, or is being used for a purpose for which it was not originally intended, it is the responsibility of the authors to ensure that all ethical committee, institutional review board, and/or governing body approval has been properly obtained. Such approval must be explicitly stated in the main text.

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This section is only required for original article, review article and systematic review/meta-analysis. It describes the contribution of each author made to be manuscript. Authorship credit should be based on:

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2) drafting the article or revising it critically for important intellectual content; and
3) final approval of the version to be published.
4) Agreement to be accountable for all aspects of the work in ensuring that questions that related to the accuracy or integrity of any part of the work are appropriately investigated and resolved.

Author should meet conditions 1, 2, 3, and 4, and all who meet the four criteria should be identified as authors. Those who do not meet all four criteria should be acknowledged (see section “ACKNOWLEDGMENTS” for details).

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The “AUTHORS’ CONTRIBUTION” section should be completed as follow:

(1) Conception and design:
(2) Administrative support:
(3) Provision of study material or patients:
(4) Collection and assembly of data:
(5) Data analysis and interpretation:
(6) Manuscript writing: All authors.
(7) Final approval of manuscript: All authors.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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The sentence should begin: “This work supported by…”;

The full official funding agency name should be given, i.e. “National Institutes of Health”, not “NIH” (full RIN approved list of UK funding agencies).

Grant numbers should be given in brackets as follows: “[grant number XXX]”. Multiple grant numbers should be separated by a comma as follows: “[grant numbers XXX, YYY]”;

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Surg doi: 10.1510/mmcts.2008.003160. or
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Tables should be self-contained and complement, but not
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Each column must carry an appropriate heading and, if
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from the video.

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included in the article’s reference list.

The appendix must be submitted in a Word file. The
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The published article will contain a statement that
supplementary material exists online and will provide
the reader with a URL and link. To reference the
supplementary appendix in the text of the article, refer to
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EQUATIONS
Equations should be numbered sequentially with Arabic numerals; these should be ranged right in parentheses. All variables should appear in italics. Use the simplest possible form for all mathematical symbols.

4. STYLE OF THE MANUSCRIPT
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Manuscripts are assigned sequentially to Science Editors. A Science Editor solicits reviewers (typically, two external reviews are sought). The reviewers’ evaluations and Science Editor’s comments are compiled by the Editor-in-Chief for disposition and transmittal to the authors. A decision is made usually within four weeks of the receipt of the manuscript.

The Editor-in-Chief will advise authors whether a manuscript is accepted, should be revised or is rejected. Minor revisions are expected to be returned within two weeks of decision; major revisions within three weeks. Manuscripts not revised within these time periods are subject to withdrawal from consideration for publication unless the authors can provide extenuating circumstances. A number of manuscripts will have to be rejected on the grounds of priority and available space. A manuscript maybe returned to the authors without outside review if the Editor-in-Chief and the Science Editor find it inappropriate for publication in the Journal. Similarly, the Editors may expedite the review process for manuscripts felt to be of high priority in order to reach a rapid decision. Such ‘fast track decisions’ will normally occur within one week of receipt of the manuscript. Authors may provide the Editor-in-Chief with the names, addresses and email addresses of up to three suitably qualified individuals of international standing who would be competent to referee the work, although the Editor-in-Chief will not be bound by any such nomination. Likewise, authors may advise of any individual who for any reason, such as potential conflict of interest, might be inappropriate to act as a referee, again without binding the Editor-in-Chief. The Editor-in-Chief’s decision is final. If, however, authors dispute a decision and can document good reasons why a manuscript should be reconsidered, a rebuttal process exists. In the first place, authors should write to the Editor-in-Chief. All journals Manuscripts should be written in a clear, concise, direct style so that they are intelligible to the professional reader who is not a specialist in the particular field. When contributions are judged as acceptable for publication, the Editor and the Publisher reserve the right to modify manuscripts to eliminate ambiguity and repetition and improve communication between authors and readers. If extensive alterations are required, the manuscript will be returned to the author for revision.

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Conflict of Interest exists when an author (or the author’s institution), reviewer, or editor has financial or personal relationships with other persons or organizations that inappropriately influence (bias) his or her actions. The existence of such relationships does not necessarily represent true conflict of interest. The potential for conflict of interest can exist whether or not an individual believes that the relationship affects their judgment. Financial relationships (such as employment, consultancies, stock ownership, honoraria, paid expert testimony, patents) are the most easily identifiable conflicts of interest and the most likely to undermine the credibility of the journal, the authors, and of science itself (http://www.icmje.org/index.html). Conflict of interest would be included in the FOOTNOTE section.

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