

International Atlas of Vascular Clinical Cases Instruction for Authors

Case Reports

The Editorial Committee of the Vascular Atlas encourage the publication of original, educational and interesting case reports that contribute significantly to medical knowledge in the vascular field.

Clinical cases common in everyday practice as well as rare cases are welcome. See “Topics of Specific Case Needs” for case topics.

All submission should be sent to: internationalatlas@vascularmed.org.

The peer review accepted clinical cases, will be up-loaded in the Meteor platform, organized by Springer, where comments and revisions will be available for Authors and Area Editors.

Authors will confirm in the Meteor, as preliminary automatic agreement, their personal responsibility :

- Originality of the case, never previously published
- Ethics approval and consent to participate
- Consent for publication
- Informed patients consent, under Author responsibility
- Clinical Cases submitted and accepted for the publication in the International Atlas cannot be published in another Journal/Book. They can be used for educational purposes only (Congresses, Lessons). In this situation, the complete name of the Atlas with the 6 Collaborating Organizations and Editors, as reported on citation) must be noted.

Preparing the Case

The text should be formatted in Times New Roman 12 characters, with a space 1.5 between lines
Indications for Figures, Tables are reported below.

The adopted format for References for the Atlas is: Springer Vancouver style (see below)

1-Title Page

The title page should include corresponding area title, authors, abstract and key words.

- Topic Area (before the title, in capitals): list of topic areas are reported below
- Title (including main symptom or sign)
- List the full names, institution, including town and country and mail addresses for each author. An attribution of authorship carries with it accountability for the work. Use of Large Language Models (LLMs), such as ChatGPT and similar tools is prohibited. Affiliations should be indicated as Arabic numbers (Superscript).
- Corresponding author should be indicated with email address and a phone number.

The corresponding author takes responsibility for the manuscript during the submission, peer review and production process. All communication from submission to publication will be with the corresponding author.

The corresponding author does not need to be the first author or a senior author. The order of authors can be arranged during the submission process, in whichever order suits but submissions must be made by the corresponding author and not on behalf of the corresponding author.

- Number of authors who can contribute to a manuscript is not limited, following the contribution needs.
- Abstract - the abstract should not exceed **150 words**. Please minimize the use of abbreviations and do not cite references in the abstract. The short abstract does not a defined template.
Optional sections are:
 - Background: why the case should be reported and its novelty
 - Case presentation: a brief description of the patient's clinical and demographic details, the diagnosis, any interventions and the outcomes
 - Conclusions: a summary of the clinical impact or potential implications of the case report
- Keywords - five keywords representing the main content of the article.

2- The Main Text

- Should be divided into three main sections based on the following template
 - **Background:**
 - **Case presentation:** a brief description of the patient's demographic details, medical history, signs and symptoms
 - **Testing and Diagnosis**
 - **Therapy**
 - **Clinical Course**
 - **Discussion:** Focused on the specific case, provide summary of the clinical impact or potential implications of the case report, include most relevant points to the field
 - Refrain from using 'Conclusion'.
- Suggested length for the Case Report is less than **1,500 words** not including the structured abstract and references.
- Author is responsible for protection of patient identification in submitted manuscript: patients' names, initials, hospital numbers, admission dates, and any other data that might identify patients are to be avoided in all materials. In addition, a patient must not be recognizable in any photograph or family tree, unless written permission of the subject or, in the case of minors, of parents is provided and included with the submission.

3- References - not more than five references.

Please use Springer Vancouver style when formatting your references Springer - Vancouver Referencing Guide · Springer - Vancouver citation (updated Aug 13 2024) · Citationsy. Text citation should be numbered.

4-List of Abbreviations

If abbreviations are used in the text they should be defined in the text at first use, and a list of abbreviations should be provided.

5-Declarations

All manuscripts must contain the following sections under the heading 'Declarations':

- Competing Interests
- Funding
- Authors' Contributions
- Acknowledgements

If any of the sections are not relevant to the manuscript, please include the heading and write 'Not applicable' for that section.

Funding - All sources of funding for the research reported should be declared.

Authors' Contributions – the individual contributions of authors to the manuscript should be specified in this section. Please use initials to refer to each author's contribution in this section, for example: "FC analyzed and interpreted the patient data regarding the hematological disease and the transplant. RH performed the histological examination of the kidney and was a major contributor in writing the manuscript. All authors read and approved the final manuscript."

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6- Preparing Figures

A minimum of 2 figures (color or black-white) is required.

When preparing figures, please follow the formatting instructions below.

- Figures should not be embedded in the file containing the main body of the manuscript text - they must be uploaded as separate files.
- Figure titles (max 15 words) and legends should be provided in the main manuscript, not in the graphic file.
- Tables should NOT be submitted as figures but should be included in the main manuscript file.
- Multi-panel figures (those with parts a, b, c, d etc.) should be submitted as a single composite file that contains all parts of the figure.

- Figures should be numbered in the order they are first mentioned in the text and uploaded in this order.
- Figures should be uploaded in the correct orientation.
- Figure keys should be incorporated into the graphic, not into the legend of the figure.
- Each figure should be closely cropped to minimize the amount of white space surrounding the illustration. Cropping figures improves accuracy when placing the figure in combination with other elements when the accepted manuscript is prepared for publication on our site. For more information on individual figure file formats, see our detailed instructions.
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The following file formats for figures are accepted:
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 - PDF (suitable for diagrams and/or images)
 - Microsoft Word (suitable for diagrams and/or images, figures must be a single page)
 - PowerPoint (suitable for diagrams and/or images, figures must be a single page)
 - TIFF (suitable for images)
 - JPEG (suitable for photographic images, less suitable for graphical images)
 - PNG (suitable for images)
 - BMP (suitable for images)

Figures on the web: : width of 600 pixels (standard), 1200 pixels (high resolution).

- Figure File Compression

Vector figures should, if possible, be submitted as PDF files, which are usually more compact than EPS files.
- TIFF files should be saved with LZW compression, which is lossless (decreases file size without decreasing quality) in order to minimize upload time.
- JPEG files should be saved at maximum quality.
- Conversion of images between file types (especially lossy formats such as JPEG) should be kept to a minimum to avoid degradation of quality.

7- Preparing Tables

A maximum of 2 tables are allowed.

- Tables should be numbered and cited in the text in sequence using Arabic numerals (i.e. Table 1, Table 2 etc.).
- Tables less than one A4 or Letter page in length can be placed in the appropriate location within the manuscript.
- Tables larger than one A4 or Letter page in length can be placed at the end of the document text file. Please cite and indicate where the table should appear at the relevant location in the text file so that the table can be added in the correct place during production.
- Table titles (max 15 words) should be included above the table, and legends (max 300 words) should be included underneath the table.
- Tables should not be embedded as figures or spreadsheet files but should be formatted using 'Table object' function in your word processing program.
- Color and shading may not be used. Parts of the table can be highlighted using superscript, numbering, lettering, symbols or bold text, the meaning of which should be explained in a table legend.
- Commas should not be used to indicate numerical values.