

## Instructions for Authors

**Scope:** Medical Mass Spectrometry is a peer-reviewed scientific journal, and publishes articles related to the use of mass spectrometry in biomedical fields. Submission of an article implies that the work has not been published or submitted for publication elsewhere except as a brief abstract in the proceedings of a scientific meeting or a symposium.

**Manuscript Type:** Medical Mass Spectrometry publishes research papers, short communications, and reviews. There are no strict page limits for them. However, we advise a maximum length of up to 6000 words including 20-30 references, plus 4-6 figures and 1-3 tables for a research paper. For a short communication, we advise a maximum length of 3000 words including 15 references, plus 2 figures and/or tables. For a review, we advise a maximum length of 9000 words including references, plus figures, and tables. Manuscripts must be written double-spaced in English.

**Manuscript Submission:** Manuscripts in Word files and their PDF files should be sent to the following secretariat of Japanese Society for Biomedical Mass Spectrometry by e-mail.

Ono/Shiozaki

Secretariat of Japanese Society for Biomedical Mass Spectrometry

e-mail: [iap-proof@bunken.co.jp](mailto:iap-proof@bunken.co.jp)

TEL: +81-3-3362-9742

FAX: +81-3-3364-0041

**Cover Letter:** The manuscripts should be accompanied by a cover letter. The cover letter should contain significance of the work, novelty of the work, and contribution to the field.

**Title Page:** The title page should contain the name(s) of the author(s), the affiliation(s) and address(es) of the author(s), and the e-mail address, telephone and fax numbers of the corresponding author.

**Abstract Page:** The abstract page should contain an abstract of 150 to 250 words and 5 keywords. The abstract should not contain any undefined abbreviations or unspecified references.

**Text:** The text of a research paper and a short communication should be divided into Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results, Discussion, Acknowledgements, Conflict of Interest, and References. Statement on funding should also be included in Acknowledgements.

**Informed Consent and Animal Welfare:** In cases where a study deals with human subjects or live animals, the methods section of the manuscript should include a statement that all experiments were performed in compliance with the relevant laws and/or institutional guidelines. A statement should also be included that informed consent was obtained from human subjects.

**Conflict of Interest:** All authors are requested to disclose any actual or potential conflict of interest including any financial, personal or other relationships with other people or organizations that could inappropriately influence or be perceived to influence their work.

**Tables and Figures:** Each table and figure must have a caption. Each table is accompanied by its legend typewritten double-spaced on the same sheet, and figure legends, also typewritten double-spaced, are to be separated from the main text. Photographs of high quality may be requested for printing of morphological data. Color figures can be reproduced if necessary, but the authors will be expected to contribute towards the cost of printing. Color figures are free of charge for online publication.

**References:** References must be numbered according to the order of appearance in the text and use superscript numbers with right side half brackets. For reference style, follow the examples listed below with journal abbreviations according to Cumulated Index Medicus. The names and the initials of the first five authors, followed by “et al” if there are other coauthors, should be listed.

For journal articles

Tucker HN, Molinary SV: Gas chromatography in diagnostic biochemistry of abnormal valine metabolism. *Clin Chem* 19: 1040-1045, 1973.

For books

Danner DJ, Elsas LJ: Disorders of branched-chain amino and keto acid metabolism, in Scriver CR, Beaudet AL, Sly WS, Valle D (eds): *The metabolic basis of inherited disease*. p. 679, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1989.

**Page Proofs:** The corresponding author will receive PDF proofs, and the authors should correct only typesetting errors. After correcting, page proofs must be returned promptly.

**Publication:** The articles are published online soon after acceptance on the web site <http://www.jsbms.jp/>, and then are printed in the journal *Medical Mass Spectrometry*.

**Copyright Transfer:** Upon acceptance of your article, authors will be asked to transfer copyright of the article to Japanese Society for Biomedical Mass Spectrometry. All published manuscripts become the permanent property of Japanese Society for Biomedical Mass Spectrometry, and may not be published elsewhere without permission from the Society.