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## Manuscript Formatting Guidelines/Template

### Obligatory segments of the manuscript:

**1. Title:** Title must be concise, self-explanatory, and brief. It's advisable to avoid using abbreviations as much as possible. If a title is too long, please add a running title.

*Example of Title:*

Predictors of Patient's Survival after a Diagnosis of Cervical Cancer Patients at Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital

*Example of Short Running Title:*

Predictors of Patient's Survival after a Diagnosis of Cervical Cancer Patients

**2. Author Information includes** complete information about the author(s) with their affiliations in order of their contribution. The author names should be written in the format: Name Middle Name SURNAME. For example, Andrea Garcia SANTES. If the author does not have a middle name, this part can be skipped. Affiliation should be written in the format: Department, Faculty, University, Country. Besides this, complete contact information of the corresponding author must be added, which should include the complete author's name, affiliation, and email address for future communication. Authors with an ORCID account may indicate their number in this section after the email address.

*Example of Author Name format:*

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**3. Abstract:** The abstract should be concise, informative, and self-contained. It must provide a summary of the entire article in a nutshell without any citations. Content should be in bold.

*Example of Abstract:*

**Cervical cancer is one of the most prevalent cancer in women. It is the fourth leading cause of cancer deaths in women worldwide after breast cancer, lung cancer, and colorectal cancer. In Kenya, cervical cancer is the leading cause of death in women and has been shown to have increased by 3,211 in the past 5 years. An increase in cervical cancer in Kenya has resulted in an economic burden for patients and families. There is an increase in healthcare spending as well as productivity losses due to morbidity and mortality at a productive age. The purpose of the study was to determine the predictors of survival after a diagnosis of cervical cancer. A retrospective cohort design was used in the study.**

**4. Keywords:** All submissions must contain only up to 4 keywords or 4 important phrases from the manuscript separated by commas, and that provide a glimpse of the article. Keywords must be ordered alphabetically.

*Example of Keywords:*

Cervical cancer diagnosis, patients, patient's survival, predictors.

**5. Body:**

**Introduction:** The introduction should set the tone of the study by clearly stating the purpose of the study, and explaining its significance, aim, and scope by citing relevant research findings and statements as evidence.

**Materials and Methods:** This section should provide a complete overview of the research study, detailing the research techniques applied, the sample size, and the way the experiment is conducted. The data extracted from the study should be presented in the form of tables, figures, images, etc. to make it more meaningful to the readers.

**Findings/Results:** This section draws important findings of the study making comparisons, applying probabilities, and testing the hypothesis to prove or reject the statement made at the beginning of the study.

**Discussion:** The data presented using formulas, equations, charts, tables, etc. should be analyzed thoroughly applying statistical methods to discuss the major observations from the study. This is an important aspect of the study that should extract the entire outcome of the study.

**Conclusions:** Authors summarize the entire study by setting limitations if any such as methods applied, or the sample size or methods employed to conduct this study. Author/s make specific recommendations to advance research in this area in the future.

**Funding (not mandatory section):** The authors can acknowledge the funding agencies if any in their studies.

**Acknowledgments (not mandatory section):** Author/s can acknowledge all the agencies, institutes, and individuals that supported the study.

**Appendix (not mandatory section):** Questionnaires, Abbreviations, Full form of all the abridged words and the jargon must be elaborated in this section to facilitate readers.

**Conflict of interest:** The authors declare that they do not have any conflict of interest.

**6. Equations:** Equations should be in MathType format or Windows equation format.

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### ***Example of in-text citation:***

Place each reference number in square brackets [1] throughout the text, tables, and legends. If the same reference is used again, re-use the original number. The sentence punctuation follows the brackets [2]. Multiple references [2], [3] are each numbered with separate brackets [1]–[3]. When citing a section in a book or direct quotation, please give the relevant page numbers [2, p. 80]. Do

not use “Ref. [3]” or “reference [3]” except at the beginning of a sentence: “Study [3] shows ... .” When authors' names are used in-text citations, please follow the next rules: only use the author’s last name in your text. If a source has multiple authors, name only the first author followed by ‘*et al.*’, for example, “Davies *et al.* [1] argue that...”.

### ***Examples of References***

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Journal: Abbreviated Format

For example:

Gynecologic Oncology Reports: **Gynecol Oncol Rep**

Asian Pacific Journal of Reproduction: **Asian Pac J Reprod**

[1] LaVigne AW, Triedman SA, Randall TC, Trimble EL, Viswanathan AN. Cervical cancer in low and middle income countries: addressing barriers to radiotherapy delivery. *Gynecol Oncol Rep*. 2017;22:16–20.

[2] Reddy PS, Begum N, Mutha S, Bakshi V. Beneficial effect of Curcumin in letrozole induced polycystic ovary syndrome. *Asian Pac J Reprod* [Internet]. 2016 Apr [cited 2019 Aug 14];5(2):116–22. Available from: <http://linkinghub.elsevier.com/retrieve/pii/S2305050016000154>.

[3] Garruti G, Depalo R, Vita MG, Lorusso F, Giampetruzzi F, Damato AB, *et al.* Adipose tissue, metabolic syndrome and polycystic ovary syndrome: from pathophysiology to treatment. *Reprod Biomed Online*. 2009;19:552–63.

[4] Ufearo CS, Orisakwe OE. Restoration of normal sperm characteristics in hypoprolactinemic infertile men treated with metoclopramide and exogenous human prolactin. *Clin Pharm Ther*. 1995;58(3):354–9.

#### ***Example of Journal article, more than 6 authors:***

[5] Guilbert TW, Morgan WJ, Zeiger RS, Mauger DT, Boehmer SJ, Szeffler SJ, *et al.* Long-term inhaled corticosteroids in preschool children at high risk for asthma. *N Engl J Med*. 2006 May 11;354(19):1985–1997.

**NOTE: Surnames and initials for up to 6 authors should be provided in the reference entry before *et al.***

***Example of Book:***

Book: Publisher name & publisher location mandatory elements

[6] Wilkinson IB, Raine T, Wiles K, Goodhart A, Hall C, O'Neill H. Oxford handbook of clinical medicine. 10<sup>th</sup> ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press; 2017.

***Example of Book chapter:***

[6] Darden L. Mechanisms and models. In: Hull DL, Ruse M, editors. *The Cambridge companion to the philosophy of biology*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press; 2008. p. 139–159.

***Example for conference paper:***

[7] Hassan KS, Maher EM. Device-to-device communication distance analysis in interference limited cellular networks. *The Tenth International Symposium on Wireless Communication Systems (ISWCS 2013)*. Ilmenau, Germany, 2013. Available from: <https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/6629748>.

***Example of Thesis or Dissertation:***

[8] Kay JG. Intracellular cytokine trafficking and phagocytosis in macrophages [dissertation]. St Lucia (AU): University of Queensland; 2007.

***Example of Articles not in English:***

[9] Assink EHM, Verloop N. Het aanleren van deel–geheel relaties [Teaching part–whole relations]. *Pedagogische Studiën* 1977;54:130–42 [in Dutch].

***Example of website:***

Anderson R, Brown I, Dowty T, Inglesant P, Heath W, Sasse A. Database state. Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust. 2009. [accessed 15.07.23]. Available from: <http://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/~rja14/Papers/database-state.pdf/>.