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Original Research Article	Structured	300	Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results, Discussion	3,500	5	6	-	
Clinical Trial	Structured	300	-	3,500	5	6	-	
Guideline	Unstructured	300	-	4,000	7	10	-	
Opinion	Unstructured	300	-	1,500	2	3	5	
Short Communication	Not necessary		-	1,200	2	3	15	
Images	Not necessary		-	150	0	4	5	
Case Report	Unstructured	300	Introduction, Case Report, Discussion	750	3	4	10	
Letter to the Editor	Not necessary		-	400	1		5	



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  - Opinions
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The Japan Medical Association (JMA) and the Japanese Association of Medical Sciences (JAMS) are launching the *JMA Journal*, an official English medical journal.

Since the inception of the *Asian Medical Journal* in 1958 (renamed *JMAJ* in 2001), the JMA has been publishing Japanese medical studies and its activities in English.

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The new journal will cover all aspects of medicine and medical care, and will include contributions from medical researchers and healthcare professionals in Japan and elsewhere, on a wide range of areas, including original work, health policy, global health, and other commentary.

The editors-in-chief are Dr. Yutaka Atomi, President of Kyorin University and Dr. Tsuguya Fukui, President of St. Luke's International Hospital, and the advisory board and editorial board will be made up of a group of prominent researchers worldwide.

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##### 1. Review Article

Review Articles should provide a broad and comprehensive overview and updates on a specific field or topic in medical science.

##### 2. Original Research Article

Original Research Articles should present detailed studies of original research, highlighting new and compelling findings that are impactful to other medical practitioners and researchers.

##### 3. Clinical Trial

Clinical Trials describe a pre-planned randomized study of the safety, efficacy, or optimum dosage schedule of one or more diagnostic, therapeutic or prophylactic technique(s), device(s) or drug(s) selected according to predetermined criteria of eligibility and observed for predefined evidence of favorable and/or unfavorable effects.

##### 4. Guideline

Guidelines present recommendations intended to optimize patient care that is informed by a systematic review of evidence and an assessment of the benefits and harms of alternative care options.

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Opinions should address compelling evidence-based opinions and insights important issues related to public health, health policy, or

clinical health that appeals to the international readership of the journal. The article should be written in a scholarly manner with an efficient use of references and evidence.

##### 6. Short Communication

Short Communications are rapid and concise reports (less than 1,200 words) of new and significant research findings, or confirmatory studies (including those containing negative results) of previously published research findings.

##### 7. Images

Pictures should provide original, high-quality images with extraordinary findings that will be useful to other medical practitioners.

##### 8. Case Report

Case Reports present the details of extremely rare medical or clinical cases that have significant educational importance for diagnosis and treatment. Authors should be aware that the journal rarely published a case report, unless the case presented is either the world's first reported case or extremely rare case.

##### 9. Letter to the Editor

Letters to the Editor are brief, constructive commentaries that can be submitted in response to a recently published article in the journal.

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