

Manuscript Submission Guidelines and Policies for *Advances in Wound Care*

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About the Journal

Advances in Wound Care aims to fill a gap in bridging the different disciplines necessary to support wound research and care. It provides a unique forum for the field of tissue injury and repair, with an emphasis on acute and chronic skin wound care to optimize patient outcomes.

Manuscript Types and Guidelines

Comprehensive Invited Reviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5,000-7,500-word limit (main scientific body excluding Abstract, Figure legends, References, Abbreviations and other text such as About the Authors)• Structured abstract of no more than 250 words• Minimum of ten (10) figures• Maximum of 150 references• Reporting: CONSORT, STROBE, PRISMA as applicable
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News and Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,500-word limit • Unstructured abstract of no more than 250 words • Photos may be included as part of illustrations • Maximum of nine (9) references
Editorials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,000-word limit (main body) • Unstructured abstract of no more than 250 words • One summary figure • Maximum of 25 references
Forum Comprehensive Invited Reviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5,000-7,500-word limit (main scientific body excluding Abstract, Figure legends, References, Abbreviations and other text such as About the Authors) • Structured abstract of no more than 250 words • Minimum of ten (10) figures • Maximum of 150 references • Reporting: CONSORT, STROBE, PRISMA, as applicable
Letters to the Editor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 500-word limit • Unstructured abstract of no more than 250 words • May include one figure OR table • Reference citations are identical in style to those of full original articles, but should not exceed five (5).
Protocol	<p>The Protocol manuscript type is dedicated to supporting the awareness and publication of operating procedures for methodologies that reinforce key advances in the field. The step-by-step protocol provided in a Protocol Article is intended to establish peer-reviewed methodologies and enable technical improvements for specialists and non-specialists. The Protocol Article submission should describe a method that has already been used to produce results in a peer-reviewed original research article and should describe a technological or methodological update or advancement when compared to the “state-of-the art” methodology.</p> <p>Every submitted Protocol Article must provide data and compare the new process to existing processes or identify gaps in prior related protocol publications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4,000-word limit • 350-word structured abstract • Composition: Introduction, Method, Experiment, Results, and Discussion • 10 figures maximum • 6 tables maximum

Word limits do NOT pertain to the abstract, disclosure statements, author contribution statements, funding information, acknowledgments, tables, figure legends, or references.

Bench-based mechanistic studies are welcome as long authors are willing to include a section in Discussion addressing the findings in the context of wound care. The Journal enables rapid dissemination of translational

research from bench to bedside, with wound care applications including burns, major trauma, blast injuries, surgery, diabetic ulcers, ostomy, bedsores, and more. *Advances in Wound Care* supports public-academia-private partnership, the success of which is critical to improve wound care outcomes.

Advances in Wound Care welcomes review articles, both short critical treatise as well as comprehensive reviews. The Technology Advances track is dedicated to addressing product development for clinical care as well as to novel methodologies for research advancement. The News and Views track will report newsworthy developments in the wound care community. Discovery Express will rapidly publish original research articles of outstanding importance. For this track, submission to first decision time will not exceed 2 weeks. Mechanistic studies are well received by the peer review process.

Advances in Wound Care can only accept highly competitive articles. All submissions, other than those in the News and Views track, are subject to peer review by 2-4 reviewers on an average.

Manuscripts that are not formatted strictly according to the guidelines described herein will be administratively rejected without any peer review.

Only senior authors of a work who take complete scientific as well as financial responsibility of a submission may submit the work. Manuscripts cannot be submitted on behalf of the corresponding author by any agent other than the corresponding author's own office.

Description of Manuscript Types

- Comprehensive Invited Reviews- Comprehensive Invited Reviews are written by invited authoritative experts. If you are an authoritative expert (senior investigator with long standing and extensive publication record) in a field relevant to the Journal and are interested in contributing a Comprehensive Invited Review article, please write to the Editor-in-Chief. These articles are intended to be full-length critical appraisals of topics that would be of long-term archival value. Textbook-style coverage is strongly discouraged. Emphasis should be placed on late-breaking advances and critical treatment. *Advances in Wound Care* dedicates a substantial amount of space to these articles. To ensure balanced treatment of any given subject, these articles are typically reviewed by several experts in that field. These experts are identified in the publication as Reviewing Editors unless they opt against it.
- Critical Reviews- Critical Reviews should address late-breaking science in a focused area relevant to wound healing and care
- Discovery Express- Aimed at rapid communication of original articles. Two-week (average) peer review to decision.
- Technology Advances- Technology Advances covers novel technologies related to wound care product development or wound healing research methodology.
- News and Views- News & Views covers case observations of extraordinary significance and newsworthy developments in the wound care community. They may include review of patents and other relevant intellectual properties, business of wound care, law, insurance, billing, global issues, ethics, quality control, special considerations and so on.
- Editorials
- Letters to the Editor
- Comprehensive Invited Reviews (invited only)
- Forum Comprehensive Invited Reviews (invited only)

Manuscript Structure

For Review articles, the abstract should consist of the following sections: Significance, Recent Advances, Critical Issues, and Future Directions. For Discovery Express and Technology Advances articles, the abstract should consist of the following sections: Objective, Approach, Results, Innovation, and Conclusion. For News and Views articles, the abstract does not need to be structured with headings. Submissions with abstracts longer than 250 words will not be considered for publication.

For Reviews, the abstract should be followed by a table of content that highlights the sections (1.0, 2.0) and sub-sections (e.g. 2.1, 2.1.1 etc.) Each Review article must start with these three sections: 1.0 Scope and Significance (one paragraph on the scope of the review and its significance); 2.0 Translational Relevance (one paragraph); 3.0 Clinical Relevance (one paragraph).

Each Review article must have both Relevance sections regardless of whether the article is translational (includes basic science) or clinical. Each of these paragraphs should not exceed 100 words. These sections may be followed by a Background or Overview section. The Discussion section should come next, which will encompass the majority of the text.

At the end of the Review article, please include a Summary of one or two paragraphs, as well as an itemized list of Take-Home Messages. This list of messages will be presented as a sidebar in the final published version of your article, and is aimed at broad readership who may not be an expert in the subject. For example, for an article on keratinocyte cell proliferation, think of addressing a wound care nurse. Similarly, for a clinical study, think of communicating to a basic scientist who may not be aware of the clinical aspects of wound care. The Take-Home Messages must be followed by these sections: Acknowledgments (if applicable), Author Confirmation, Author Disclosure and Ghostwriting, Funding Statement, About the Authors, Abbreviations and Acronyms, References, Figure legends, and Tables.

For **Discovery Express and Technology Advances** articles, the abstract should consist of the following sections: Objective, Approach, Results, Innovation, and Conclusion.

For Discovery Express and Technology Advances, the abstract should be followed by the following sections: Introduction, Innovation, Clinical Problem Addressed (even if it is basic science research, highlight what clinical problem is the work relevant to), Materials and Methods, Results (for the Technology Advances track provide a schematic diagram of the device as appropriate), Discussion, Key Findings (present as an itemized bullet list of 3-4 major findings), Acknowledgments, Author Confirmation, Author Disclosure and Ghostwriting, Funding Statement, About the Authors, Abbreviations and Acronyms, References, Figure legends, and Tables. Begin each of these sections on a separate page. The Innovation section cannot exceed 100 words and cannot be diffused. In 4-6 sentences it must summarize the current state of the field and then cite specific results reported to explain how this work helps to substantially advance the field. If the work has clinical significance, please be sure to highlight that. Do not regurgitate findings.

The format for **News and Views** articles is flexible. The following sections are suggested but not required: Introduction, Clinical Problem Addressed (highlight to what clinical problem the article is relevant), Discussion, Innovation, Summary, and Key Findings or Take-Home Messages. The article must end with the sections Acknowledgments (if applicable), Author Confirmation, Author Disclosure and Ghostwriting, Funding Statement, About the Authors, Abbreviations and Acronyms, References, Figure legends, and Tables.

Additional Formatting Instructions:

- Number pages (bottom-center) consecutively; the first author's last name should appear on each page. The source of cells utilized (species, sex, strain, race, age of donor, whether primary or established) should be clearly indicated. The source of reagents should be stated (name, city, and state within parentheses) when first cited. Publication of results is based on the principle that results must be verifiable. Authors must expect to make unique reagents available to qualified investigators either directly or through a recognized distributor.
- Illustrations: Continuous data cannot be presented as bar and line graphs. Bar and line graphs must show scatter plot revealing each data point.
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- Methods: Clearly indicate whether data are recorded in electronic laboratory notebook (ELN) and if so in which platform. If ELN is not used, simply state that, "Electronic laboratory notebook platform was not used".

- In the Author Disclosure and Ghostwriting section, authors must give credit to any ghostwriters involved in the writing of the manuscript.
- A complete list of abbreviations (covering text as well as figures) and arranged in alphabetical order should be placed just before the References.
- Abbreviations, Symbols, and Terminology: Include in the manuscript a list of abbreviations used in the article, with the spelled-out form of the definition. At first usage, spell out terms and provide abbreviations in parentheses. Thereafter, use only the abbreviations. Jargon, clichés, and laboratory slang should not be used. Internationally accepted biochemical abbreviations such as ADP, NADH, and pi do not need to be defined. For commonly accepted abbreviations, word usage, symbols, etc., authors are referred to The CSE Manual for Authors, Editors, and Publishers (8th ed., 2014). Chemical and biochemical terms and abbreviations should be in accordance with the recommendations of the IUPAC-IUBMB Joint Commission on Biochemical Nomenclature. Isotope specification should conform to the IUPAC system.
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- Ethics: The Journal endorses the principles embodied in the Declaration of Helsinki and insists that all investigations involving humans be conducted in conformity with these principles. All animal experimentation reported must be conducted in conformity with internationally accepted principles. Animal experiments should require full compliance with local, national, ethical, and regulatory principles, and local licensing arrangements. The senior author must state that if animals were used experimentally, permission was obtained from the appropriate committee(s), and that the animals were treated humanely, and the standards conformed to those of current ethical animal research practices.
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Text and photographs should not reveal any identifying information unless it is essential for scientific purposes (in which case, written informed consent must be obtained). Masking the subjects' eyes in photographs is inadequate protection of anonymity. For more information, visit <http://www.icmje.org/recommendations/browse/roles-and-responsibilities/protection-of-research-participants.html>

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The use of Tables is discouraged. When unavoidable, type each table single-spaced with a brief title on a separate page. The title should be brief and informative. All explanatory matter, including explanation of abbreviations, should be in footnotes, not in the title. Horizontal and vertical lines should be omitted. Use Arabic numerals to number tables. Do not repeat information that is given in the text, and do not make a table for data that can be given in the text in one or two sentences. Table footnotes should be listed in order of their appearance and identified by consecutive superior lowercase letters (a, b, c, etc.). If the table is taken from a copyrighted publication, permission must be secured, appropriate credit must be given in the legend, and a corresponding reference must appear in the reference section.

Figures

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Advances in Wound Care will consider Letters to the Editor commenting on the scientific content of an article published in the Journal. Letters should not exceed 500 words of text and 5 references. Letters submitted for publication must be original and must not be submitted to any other publication simultaneously.

References

Advances in Wound Care uses Mary Ann Liebert's **Vancouver** reference format. Templates are available in **Zotero** and through the CSL Style Repository. An **Endnote Template** is also available.

Liebert Vancouver Style: Order of Citation

- Reference List: Prepared in sequential order as cited in text.
- In-text Citations: All references must be cited in text in numerical order, set in superscript Arabic numerals outside of any punctuation. Do not set reference numbers in parentheses or brackets. To cite several references at once, use commas to separate non-sequential citations and use dashes to separate sequential citations; do not include spaces. Ex: 3,7,12–15
- Journal titles should follow the abbreviation style of PubMed/Medline.
- Include among the references any articles that have been accepted but have not yet published; identify the name of publication and add "In Press." If the reference has been published online, provide the DOI number in place of the page range.

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Type of Reference	Punctuation and Order of Elements in Reference List
Journal article with 1-3 authors	Wang Q, Nambiar K, Wilson JM. Isolating natural adeno-associated viruses from primate tissues with a high-fidelity polymerase. <i>Hum Gene Ther</i> 2021;32(23-24):1439-1449; doi: 10.1089/hum.2021.055 [insert article-specific DOI if available].
Journal article with more than 3 authors	Pfister EL, DiNardo N, Mondo E, et al. Artificial miRNAs reduce human mutant Huntington throughout the striatum in a transgenic sheep model of Huntington's disease. <i>Hum Gene Ther</i> 2018;29(6):663–673; doi: 10.1089/hum.2017.199 [insert article-specific DOI if available].
Edited Book	Herzog RW, Zolotukhin S, (eds). A Guide to Human Gene Therapy. World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd.: Singapore; 2010.
Chapter in an Edited Book	Nicklin SA, Baker AH. Adenoviral Vectors. In: A Guide to Human Gene Therapy. (Herzog RW, Zolotukhin S. eds.) World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd.: Singapore; 2010; pp. 21-36.

Authored Book	Isaacson W. The Code Breaker: Jennifer Doudna, Gene Editing, and the Future of the Human Race. Simon & Schuster: New York, NY; 2021.
Website	Last name, first/middle initial(s) of author(s) [if available]. U.S. Food and Drug Administration. What is Gene Therapy? Silver Spring, MD; 2018. Available from: https://www.fda.gov/vaccines-blood-biologics/cellular-gene-therapy-products/what-gene-therapy . [Last accessed: month/date/year].
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Manuscript Formatting

Please check your journal's requirements for file formatting. Many journals require formatting compliance only on revision; however, unless stated, the file formatting should comply with the following requirements on submission.

Manuscript Files

The main text file, figure legends, and tables should be prepared in Microsoft Word. Some journals may accept LaTeX. Please consult your individual journal instructions for guidance.

File Naming

- All file names should be in English and contain only alphanumeric characters.
- **Do not include spaces, symbols, special characters, dashes, dots, or underscores.**
- Title each file with the type of content contained in the file (e.g., manuscript.doc, tables.doc, FigureLegends.doc, Fig1.tif, SupplementalData.pdf, etc.).

Figures

- Submission of high resolution .TIFF or .EPS figure files is preferred. Please upload as individual files.
- Cite figures consecutively in text within parentheses.
- Images should not reveal the name of a patient or a manufacturer.
- Note: Figures that will not be reproduced in color must be readable and interpretable in black and white.

Figure Legends

- A legend should be provided for each supplied figure.
- All legends should be numbered consecutively.
- Figure legends may be included at the end of the main text file or uploaded as a separate, double-spaced Word file.
- In each legend, provide explanations for any abbreviations or symbols that appear in the figure.
- If the figure is taken from a copyrighted publication, permission must be secured by the author(s) and supplied at the time of submission with appropriate credit listed in the legend. Permissions and associated fees are the responsibility of the author.

Tables

- Tables may be included after the references at the end of the main text file, or uploaded as a single, separate Word file. All tables should be editable.
- Provide a title for each supplied table.
- Cite tables sequentially in text within parentheses.
- Explain abbreviations used in the body of the table in footnotes using superscript letters, not symbols.
- If a table is taken from a copyrighted publication, permission must be secured by the author(s) and supplied at the time of submission with appropriate credit listed in the legend. Permissions and associated fees are the responsibility of the author.

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Manuscript Structure

Specific journal requirements will vary, however the general order of elements in each manuscript should be

- Title page* with full manuscript title, all contributing authors' names and affiliations, a short running title, a denotation of the corresponding author, and a list of 4-6 keywords/search terms,
- Abstract,
- Main text without embedded figures or tables and with appropriate section headings, if applicable. Most research papers should be organized as follows: Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results, Discussion, and Conclusions.
- Acknowledgments,
- Authorship confirmation/contribution statement (CRediT format is preferred)
- Author(s)' disclosure (Conflict of Interest) statement(s), even when not applicable,
- Funding statement, even when not applicable,
- References,
- Tables included in the text or as a separate document,
- Figure legends at the end of the main text or in a separate Word file,
- Figures uploaded as individual high-resolution files,
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- An Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval (or waiver) statement and statement of patient consent as a separate paragraph after the methods section,
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- Data sharing statement,
- Specific abstract and content sections, depending on manuscript type,
- Word count limits, tables/figure limits, and reference format requirements.

Please note that paragraphs should be no longer than 15 lines once typeset.

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Funding

Upon manuscript submission, the submitting agent will have an opportunity to enter funding/grant information. If funding information is entered correctly, the publisher will deposit the funding acknowledgements from the article as part of the standard metadata to Funder Registry. The entered information should include funder names, funder IDs (if available), and associated grant numbers. Special care should be taken when entering this information to ensure total accuracy. Funding information must also be provided within the manuscript.

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