Prevalence of the metabolic syndrome in rheumatoid arthritis

Metabolic syndrome in rheumatoid arthritis
Rheumatoid arthritis and metabolic syndrome
Achilles tendon thickness in SpA
Arterial stiffness and GGT in FMF
Salusin-α in SLE and SSc
Autonomic functions in acrocyanosis
An updated review of FMF
Mass-like lesions in neuro-Behçet’s disease
Coexistence of systemic lupus erythematosus and ankylosing spondylitis
Sjögren’s syndrome and thrombocytopenia
Herpetic whitlow during immunosuppressive therapy
Endoscopy in Henoch-Schönlein purpura
AIMS AND SCOPE

European Journal of Rheumatology (Eur J Rheum) is an international, open access peer reviewed journal committed to promoting the highest standards of scientific exchange and education. The journal is published quarterly on March, June, September and December.

The aim of the European Journal of Rheumatology is to cover various aspects of rheumatology for its readers, encompassing the spectrum of diseases with arthritis, musculoskeletal conditions, autoinflammatory diseases, connective tissue disorders, osteoporosis, translational research, the latest therapies and treatment programs. European Journal of Rheumatology publishes original articles, invited reviews, case reports, letters to the editor and images in rheumatology. The publication language of the journal is English.

The journal's target audience includes academicians, practitioners, specialists and students from all disciplines of rheumatology.

European Journal of Rheumatology adheres to the principles outlined by the guidelines of ICMJE, WAME, and COPE.

All published content of the European Journal of Rheumatology is available online at www.eurjrheum.org, free of charge.

Statements or opinions expressed in the manuscripts published in the European Journal of Rheumatology reflect the views of the author(s) and not the opinions of the editors, the editorial board and the publisher; the editors, the editorial board and the publisher disclaim any responsibility or liability for such materials.

The journal is printed on an acid-free paper.

Permission requests for reproduction of materials published, reprint requests and requests concerning advertising should be addressed to the publisher;

Address: Büyükdere Cad. 105/9 34394 Mecidiyeköy, Şişli, İstanbul, Turkey
Phone: +90 212 217 17 00
Fax: +90 212 217 22 92
e-mail: info@avesyayincilik.com
www.avesyayincilik.com
INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS

European Journal of Rheumatology (Eur J Rheum) is an international, open access peer reviewed journal committed to promoting the highest standards of scientific exchange and education. The journal is published quarterly on March, June, September and December. The journal covers various aspects of rheumatology for its readers, encompassing the spectrum of diseases with arthritis, musculoskeletal conditions, autoinflammatory diseases, connective tissue disorders, osteoporosis, translational research, the latest therapies and treatment programs. European Journal of Rheumatology publishes original articles, invited reviews, case reports, letters to the editor and images in rheumatology. The publication language of the journal is English.

The members of reviewer board of the journal are selected from independent international authorities and experts. The editorial board requests the assistance of the reviewer board while selecting manuscripts for publication.


An “Author Contribution Form” is required with all submissions. A statement on absence of conflict of interests are required. (CME Form for Disclosure of Potential Conflicts of Interest and Authorship Contributions forms are available at www.eurjrheum.org). The journal’s policy on publication and research ethics are in compliance with CME, COPE guidelines.

European Journal of Rheumatology requires authors to acknowledge and provide information on grants, contracts or other financial support of the study provided by any foundations and institutions or firms.

Manuscripts that have been published previously elsewhere or are currently under consideration in other journals will not be evaluated and these type of submissions will be returned to the submitting author. All manuscripts are checked for plagiarism, replication, and duplicate publication. The retraction requests of manuscripts without reasonable explanation will result in “reject” decision if the manuscript is under consideration for publication and close to the final decision.

By submitting a manuscript to European Journal of Rheumatology author acknowledge that the editors could make corrections without changing the basic meaning of the text of the manuscript.

To be accepted for publication, it is required that manuscripts should be original and of high scientific and academic quality, with probability of being cited.

Manuscript Submission

European Journal of Rheumatology only evaluates manuscripts submitted via the Journal’s self-explanatory submission system available through www.eurjrheum.org. Manuscripts submitted via any other medium will not be evaluated.

If a manuscript was previously submitted to another publication for evaluation, it is advised that the authors provide the previous evaluation reports during submission to facilitate the evaluation process.

Prior to the evaluation process, each submission goes through a technical review process where the manuscript’s general format is checked against the journal’s general guidelines. Manuscripts that do not comply with the journal’s guidelines will be returned to the submitting author with correction requests and will not undergo peer-review before the requested corrections are implemented.

Following the peer-review process, if a revision is requested, authors are required to return the revised manuscript within 21 days for minor revision decisions and 45 days for major revision decisions. If the authors think that the allocated time is not sufficient to implement the corrections, a deadline extension should be requested from the editorial office before the due date.

Manuscript format should be in accordance with Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals: Writing and Editing for Biomedical Publication (updated in December 2013 - http://www.icmje.org/icmje-recommendations.pdf).

The filled authorship contributions form must be submitted along with the manuscript. The journal’s rules on authorship contributions are in compliance with CSE (http://www.councilscienceeditors.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3376) and ICMJE (http://www.icmje.org/ethical_1author.html) recommendations.

Original Investigations and Reviews should be presented according to the following guidelines: randomized study – CONSORT, observational study – STROBE, study on diagnostic accuracy – STARD, systematic reviews and meta-analysis: PRISMA, animal experimental studies – ARRIVE, non-randomized behavioural and public health intervention studies – TREND.

Manuscript Preparation

Title Page

Each submission should be accompanied by a title page. The document should be submitted separately through the submission system and should include the title of the manuscript, running head, a full list of all contributing authors, full institution information of all contributing authors, an address for correspondence, contact information of the corresponding author (including the contact phone number, mobile phone number and the e-mail address), if the content of the manuscript has been presented before the time and place of the presentation and the acknowledgements if there are any. Acknowledgement to persons who significantly contributed to the study or assisted in preparing article should be done appropriately.

Abstract

The abstract should be limited to 400 words for original articles and review articles and should be limited to 250 words for case reports. Abstracts of original articles should be structured with the following subheadings: Objective, Material and Methods, Results and Conclusion.

Key words

All submissions should be accompanied by 3 to 6 keywords concordant with NLM MeSH vocabulary terms (available at http://www.nlm.nih.gov/mesh/MBrowser.html)

Main Document

Main document should include the main text, reference list and the tables. It should be prepared using Microsoft Word software. Times New Roman font (size 12) should be used throughout the main document with 1.5 line spacing. The side margins of the main document should be set at 25 mm from all sides.
Main text
The main text should be structured depending on the type of the manuscript. The main text of original articles should be structured with Introduction, Material and Methods, Results and Discussion subheadings while the main text of case reports should be structured with Introduction, Case Presentation and Discussion subheadings. These sections can be divided into subsections and subheads where appropriate. With original articles, the limitations of the study should be provided under the Discussion section, before the conclusion paragraph.

The main text of original articles should not exceed 3000 words and should be accompanied by necessary number of tables and figures. The number of references cited in an original article should be limited to 35.

With review articles, the main text should not exceed 5000 words and should be accompanied by necessary number of tables and figures. The number of references cited in an original article should be limited to 50.

Case reports should not be longer than 1200 words, and the number of references should be limited to 10.

Letters to the Editor and Images in Rheumatology should not be longer than 500 words. The number of references should be limited to 5 with these kinds of manuscripts.

The main text of all manuscripts should be blind. Any information that may indicate an individual or institution should be excluded.

Information on informed consent of the patients and ethics committee approval should be provided under the Material and Methods section of the main text.

Statistical analysis should be performed in accordance with guidelines on reporting statistics in medical journals (Altman DG, Gore SM, Gardner MJ, Pocock SJ. Statistical guidelines for contributors to medical journals. Br Med J 1983; 7: 1489-93). Software used for analysis should be described. For parametric tests represent continuous variables as Mean±Standard Deviation, while for nonparametric tests represent data as Median and range (Minimum-Maximum) or Median and interquartile range (25th and 75th percentiles). Whenever complex analyses are used support the relative risk, odds or hazard ratios values by providing confidence intervals and p values.

When a drug, product, hardware, or software mentioned within the main text product information, including the name of the product, producer of the product, city of the company and the country of the company should be provided in parenthesis in the following format: “Discovery St PET/CT scanner (General Electric, Milwaukee, WI, USA)”

All references, tables and figures should be referred to within the main text. All acronyms and abbreviations should be defined at first use within the main text followed by the acronym or abbreviation in parenthesis.

References
References should be numbered in the order they are referred to within the main text. Authors are responsible for accuracy of references.

Reference Formatting
Standard journal article: Abbreviations of journal titles should be done in accordance with journal abbreviations used in Index Medicus (for journal abbreviations consult List of Journals indexed for MEDLINE published annually by NLM at http://www.nlm.nih.gov/tsd/serials/jji.html). In case of six or less authors numbers list of all authors is required. If number of authors exceeds six, list first 6 authors followed by et al. A list of authors should be followed by the full title of the article, journal title, year, volume and page numbers.


Editor (s), compiler(s) as author: Norman LJ, Redfern SJ, editors. Mental Health Care for Elderly People. New York: Churchill Livingstone; 1996.


Tables
Tables should be included at the end of the main document and should not be submitted separately. Each table should be accompanied by a descriptive title. Abbreviations used in tables should be defined below the tables by footnotes. All tables should be referred to within the main text and they should be numbered consecutively in the order they are referred to.

Figures
Figures should be submitted as separate files through the submission system and they should not be embedded in the main document. Each figure should be accompanied by a descriptive legend. When there are subunits, the subunits should not be merged to form a single image but should be submitted through the submittions system. Submitted images should be clear and large in size with a minimum width of 15 cm. The minimum resolution of each submitted image should be 300DPI. Like the rest of the manuscript, the figures too should be blind. All information that may indicate individual or institution should be excluded.

The originality of tables and figures should be confirmed in the accompanying letter. In case of reproduction of tables and figures from other published sources, the appropriate citation should be done and the original source either in hardcopy or electronic (*.pdf) format along with the obtained permission for publication from Copyright owner (publisher, journal or author(s)) should be submitted to the Editor-in-Chief office.

The rules for title page, references, figures and tables are applicable for all types of manuscripts.
CONTENTS

Original Investigations

1 Prevalence of the metabolic syndrome in rheumatoid arthritis
Mustafa Özmen, Özlem Yersal, Serpil Öztürk, Dilek Soysal, Mehmet Hicri Köseoğlu

Editorial Comment: Dynamics shared by two related proinflammatory conditions, rheumatoid arthritis and metabolic syndrome
Altan Onat

7 Sonographic measurement of Achilles tendon thickness in seronegative spondyloarthropathies
Sibel Zehra Aydın, Emilio Filippucci, Pamir Atagündüz, Şule Yavuz, Walter Grassi, Haner Direskeneli

11 Evaluation of arterial stiffness with plasma GGT levels and pulse wave velocity measurement in patients with FMF
Filiz Yılmaz, Sena Ulu, Önder Ako, Ahmet Ahsen, Kâsim Demir, Şeref Yüksel

14 Serum salusin-α levels in systemic lupus erythematosus and systemic sclerosis
Süleyman Serdar Koca, Metin Özgen, Bahar İşık, Mustafa Necati Daği, Bilal Üstündag, Ahmet İşık

18 Autonomic functions in acrocyanosis assessed by heart rate variability
Sedat Yılmaz, Mehmet Yokuşoğlu, Muhammet Çınar, İsmail Şimşek, Oben Bayṣan, Bilgehan Savaş Özd, Hakan Erdem, Salih Pay, Ayhan Dinç

Review

21 Familial Mediterranean fever: An updated review
İsmail San, Merih Birlik, Timuçın Kasifoğu

Case Reports

34 Mass-like lesions as a rare form of neuro-Behçet disease: A case report and review of the literature
Nazife Şule Yasar Bilge, Suzan Şaylısoy, Timuçın Kasifoğu, Cengiz Korkmaz

39 Coexistence of systemic lupus erythematosus and ankylosing spondylitis: another case report and review of the literature
Figen Tarhan, Mehmet Argın, Gerçek Can, Mustafa Özmen, Gökhan Keser

44 Thrombocytopenia caused by albendazole in a patient with Sjögren’s syndrome: A case report
Pınar Açıköz, İbrahim Halil Türkbeyler, Yavuz Pehlivan

46 Herpetic whitlow during immunosuppressive therapy for Wegener’s Granulomatosis
Dilek Solmaz, Ezgi Atalay, Banu Lebe, Pınar Çetin

Image of Interest

48 Endoscopic appearance of Henoch-Schönlein purpura
Gerçek Sen, Dilek Solmaz, Hasan Kayahan, Mustafa Özmen