

## Submission Article Type Definitions

*Wounds: A Compendium of Clinical Research & Practice*

**Brief Report:** Defined as a concise report of work of unusual interest or importance with limited but definitive data. Appropriate ethical guidelines and patient consent are required. The suggested word count for this submission type is 1200 words, excluding the title page, abstract, references, tables, and figures.

**Case Report:** Defined as an overview of patient cases, treatment regimens, outcomes, and follow-up care of a specific patient who presented to the author(s); these are limited to 3 cases or fewer. Relevant images or figures are required. Only data that were used to make a decision around the care of the patient should be reviewed. An extensive review of the literature is not appropriate for a case report. Appropriate ethical guidelines and patient consent are required. Reporting guidelines to follow may include CARE. The maximum word count for this submission type is 1800 words, excluding the title page, abstract, references, tables, and figures.

**Case Series:** Defined as an observational report in which 4 or more cases describe a similar wound problem or treatment approach used, and the report provides a new perspective on or supports a newfound regarding that problem or approach. Only data that were used to make a decision around the care of the patient should be reviewed. An extensive review of the literature is not appropriate for a case series. Relevant images or figures are required. Appropriate ethical guidelines and patient consent are required. Reporting guidelines to follow may include CONSORT, STROBE, or EQUATOR. The maximum word count for this submission type is 2500 words, excluding the title page, abstract, references, tables, and figures.

**Clinical Practice Guidelines:** Defined as a review of the pertinent literature by a recognized organization with the goal of providing evidence-based guidance to practitioners. This will usually provide levels (I, II, and III) of the quality of the evidence supporting the body's (or "organization's") recommendation. The paper may include an assessment of the advantages and disadvantages of alternative options. The purpose of this article type is to make recommendations for providing optimal care. Relevant tables or figures are required. Appropriate ethical guidelines and patient consent are required. Reporting guidelines to follow may include AGREE or RIGHT. The suggested word count for this submission type is 6000 words, excluding the title page, abstract, references, tables, and figures.

### **Clinical Trial Protocol**

Defined as a detailed manuscript outlining the rationale, objectives, design, methodology, statistical considerations, and organizational aspects of an upcoming or ongoing clinical trial. This article type describes trials that have not yet completed enrollment or data analysis. The purpose is to promote transparency, enhance reproducibility, and enable peer input prior to trial completion. The protocol should clearly define the research hypothesis, primary and secondary outcomes, eligibility criteria, and data collection methods. Relevant tables or figures (eg, CONSORT flow diagrams, timelines, study schemas) are required. Appropriate ethical guidelines and trial registration (eg, [ClinicalTrials.gov](https://www.clinicaltrials.gov)) are mandatory. Patient consent

procedures must be described. Reporting guidelines to follow may include SPIRIT. The suggested word count for this submission type is 4000 words, excluding the title page, abstract, references, tables, and figures.

**Consensus Statements:** Defined as an independent panel of experts recognizing a topic with inadequate definitive data to support a specific topic or viewpoint. Therefore, individuals with extensive experience with a novel therapy or novel disease process may use personal experience to guide general recommendations. The qualifications of the expert panel need to be outlined, as does the method of obtaining consensus. Literature should only be targeted to support the specific consensus statements. The purpose of this article type is to advance the understanding of the “early experience” of an issue, procedure, or method. It also provides recommendations for providing optimal care. Relevant tables or figures are required. It is recognized that there will not be sufficient prospective randomized data to support many of the recommendations. The suggested word count for this submission type is 6000 words, excluding the title page, abstract, references, tables, and figures.

**Editorial Message:** Defined as a monthly opinion piece written by the Editor-in-Chief on a topic pertinent to the *Wounds* audience.

**Letters to the Editor:** Defined as a written response to a recently published (within 3 months) article in *Wounds*. The suggested word count for this submission type is 500 words, excluding the title page and references, as well as a maximum of 10 references. The letter to the editor will undergo peer review, and in many cases will be added as an editorial comment directly to the article that it references.

**Literature Review:** Defined as a summary or overview of the literature on a select topic of interest to the audience. This article type is not intended for a systematic review. Types of literature review may include narrative or meta-analysis (non-systematic). Tables or figures are not required. Reporting guidelines to follow may include PRISMA. The maximum word count for this submission type is 5000 words, excluding the title page, abstract, references, tables, and figures. Please note that a minimum of 3 authors are expected in order to minimize bias.

**Original Research:** Included in this category are prospective randomized controlled trials, retrospective and prospective case-controlled studies, retrospective and prospective comparative effectiveness research, and registry data. Defined as a report of new findings that advance scientific knowledge and help inform clinical practice, treatment options, and management strategies to advance patient care and outcomes through evidence-based research. Relevant tables or figures are required. Appropriate ethical guidelines and patient consent are required. Reporting guidelines to follow may include CONSORT, ARRIVE, or PRISMA. The suggested word count for this submission type is 4000 words, excluding the title page, abstract, references, tables, and figures.

**Rapid Communication:** Defined as an adaptation of research recently presented at a conference related to wound care; ‘recently’ is considered as being within 3 months of the conference.

Relevant tables or figures are required. Appropriate ethical guidelines and patient consent are required. Reporting guidelines to follow may include CONSORT, STROBE, or EQUATOR. The maximum word count for this submission type is 900 words, excluding the title page, abstract, references, tables, and figures. This submission type requires a template for submission and must be focused on data presented at a conference; interested parties should email [woundseditor@hmpglobal.com](mailto:woundseditor@hmpglobal.com) for consideration.

**Systematic Review:** Defined as a summary of medical literature using explicit and reproducible methods to systematically search, critically evaluate, and summarize an issue. This article type acquires all evidence to address a clearly formulated research question. The methodology of the review must include the key word and database search parameters. Relevant tables or figures are required. Reporting guidelines to follow include PRISMA. The maximum word count for this submission type is 5000 words, excluding the title page, abstract, references, tables, and figures. Please note a minimum of 3 authors are expected as to minimize bias.