

## The Japanese Journal of Antibiotics Instructions for Authors

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1. The Japanese Journal of Antibiotics (JJA) publishes articles, in either Japanese or English, that describe novel and useful knowledge/information obtained from fundamental or clinical studies on anti-infective drugs (antibacterial, antifungal, antiviral and antiprotozoal agents and vaccines as well). Articles on the studies of infection control (including experimental animal infections) and diagnostic microbiology are also the subject of JJA.

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  - C. Brief Report: Articles that is insufficient to meet the criteria of the original articles for the limited number of cases investigated but include newly discovered knowledge valuable for the readers.
  - D. Research Report: Articles describing observational studies that do not warrant full-length original articles but are worth published.
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Research and studies need to be complied with the guidelines authorized by Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MLHW) and Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) or the institution.

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10. We encourage the authors to use English language editing services before submitting their article. Authors may also request the language editing to JJA editorial office at the author's own expense.

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B. Reviewing charges

Reviewing is basically free of charge. If any particular fee occurs, with the consent of the authors, authors are asked to pay for the cost.

12. The format and style of JJA conforms to "How to write a scientific paper" which you can find on our website.

## Appendix:

### How to Write a Scientific Paper by The Japanese Journal of Antibiotics

1. The Japanese Journal of Antibiotics publishes Original Article, Case Report, Brief Report, Research Report, Review Article, Reference Materials, and Proceedings.
2. There is no word limitation, however, the article should be written clearly and briefly.
3. Wordings should be consistent throughout the manuscript. Supply the files in Word, PowerPoint, and Excel. The font size should be no smaller than 12 points. Indicate the position of each figures and tables in the text.
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7. References should follow the Vancouver format. They should be listed in numerical order at the end of the manuscript. Abbreviations for titles of medical periodicals should conform to those used in the latest edition of Index Medicus. Do not abbreviate Japanese journal names.

Ōmura S, Tomoda H, Kim YK, Nishida H: Pyripyropenes, highly potent inhibitors of ACYL-CoA: cholesterol acyltransferase produced by *Aspergillus fumigatus*. J Antibiot. 1993; 46: 1168-9.

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**Title page:** Title page should describe the article type, title, name and affiliation of all authors. Corresponding author's signature then follows.

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