

# Instructions for writers

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The Journal accepts articles or studies not exceeding 30 pages; bibliographical notes, which are like bibliographies, not exceeding 5 pages; and reviews varying between 4 and 6 pages. The projects must be presented on letter size sheets, printed and numbered using font size 12 on only one side and a spacing of one and a half. They must also be presented in Word for Windows on a diskette or CD.

The title should be short, giving information about the content and input by paying attention to Syntax and vague and incorrect expressions, and avoiding subtitles that do not make the title clear. The title should have an English translation.

Authorship must be adjusted to fit the following guidelines— write the author's full name. If there is more than one author, the Journal will accept the order given by the authors as well as the number of authors on the project. The write should make his academic degree, profession, position of responsibility that he holds, and the institution that he lends his services to known. The email address and postal address should be registered just like the explicit testimony, if that is the case, of the support received for the elaboration of the research.

The summary should reflect the objectives, methodology, results and conclusions. The information should always come from the text of the article. Using words, which reflect the content in a precise manner, should vary between 180 and 200 words. The abstract should be translated to English.

The number of keywords can vary between 4 and 8. In order to include descriptors and keywords, the writer should use the Thesaurus of the UNESCO, or any thesaurus or a list of subject headlines widely known and used in the field of Bioethics. The key words should be translated to English.

Bibliographical references: are types of documents which the author can use as reference. They will be all those documents with ISBN or ISSN that are available to the public, just like those studies or edited documents by universities or other recognised prestigious organisations. The writer is responsible for the truthfulness of the proposed reference and the matching of original documents. Only references that are useful should be recorded for the preparation of the project taking into consideration that the number should be reasonable and reflect the most relevant materials.

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1. Title of project
2. Name of writer

3. Mailing and e-mail addresses
4. Section of the magazine where the project should be included
5. Contributions of the project
6. Statement of originality and authorship
7. Statement accepting the changes to content and style of the introduction

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blished, and the exact time in which they will receive the drafts for a possible correction.

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