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The *Journal of Acupuncture Research* (JAR), founded in 1983, is the official international journal of the Korean Acupuncture & Moxibustion Medicine Society. The journal, by providing a platform for dissemination and discussion, aims to strengthen the scientific understanding of the safety and effectiveness (efficacy) of acupuncture and related therapies in integrative medicine as well as in traditional medicine.

There is a long history of research on acupuncture. Work that takes into account historical empirical evidence, incorporating a broad evidence-based approach to acupuncture, and that is of interest and relevance to those involved in the practice, research, and education of acupuncture-based therapies in health care would be welcome.

JAR considers to publish editorials, original articles, review articles, short communications, case reports, and letters to the editor on:

- Acupuncture, including electroacupuncture, laser acupuncture, acupotomy, embedding therapy, acupuncture needling, the development of new acupuncture techniques, exploration of new acupoints
- Moxibustion
- Cupping
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- The meridian system and other meridian-related studies (diagnosis—including pattern identification research; acupressure; chuna/tuina; herbal medicine)

ABOUT THE JOURNAL

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Please submit manuscripts and figures via online at <https://submit.e-jar.org> (JAR online submission system). Please follow the guideline to prepare and upload your article.

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Manuscripts must be written in English and submitted by the corresponding author. Manuscripts submitted to JAR will be preliminarily reviewed by the Editorial Office. Manuscripts not conforming to the instructions will be returned to the corresponding authors without being considered for publication.

2. Double blind peer review

JAR operates a double blind review process. All contributions will be initially assessed by the editor for suitability for the journal. Papers deemed suitable are then typically sent to a minimum of two independent expert reviewers to assess the scientific quality of the paper. The Editor is responsible for the final decision regarding acceptance or rejection of articles. The Editor's decision is final. All submitted manuscripts are screened for duplication through Crosscheck (<https://app.ithenticate.com>) before review.

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The Editorial Office of JAR receives and reviews all submitted manuscripts, and all submitted manuscripts

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Acceptance of a manuscript depends on the evaluation, critiques, and recommended decision made by the referees. A referee may recommend 'accept', 'minor revision', 'major revision' and 'reject'. Upon opposing recommended decisions between referees, or author and referee(s), the Editor-in-Chief has the full right to decide whether the manuscript will be published in the journal. Three repeated decisions of 'major revisions' are regarded as a 'reject' and rejected papers will not be considered further.

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GUIDE FOR AUTHORS

MANUSCRIPT PREPARATION

1. Types of articles

JAR publishes editorials, original articles, review articles, short communications, case reports, and letter to the editor.

2. General

All manuscripts must be in grammatically correct English and should be created using MS Word. It must be double-spaced and written in an A4 page format. Do not leave a space between paragraphs. Only a single font (preferably Times New Roman) should be used in 11 point with margin of 2.5 cm. Latin origin words should not be italicized and all pages including the title page should be paginated consecutively. All numbers should be written in Arabic numerals throughout the manuscript except for the first word of the sentence. Texts should be justified on both sides and not hyphenated and headings should be in bold letters, aligned in the center. If possible, avoid using abbreviated words in the beginning of sentences.

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 - STROBE - Strengthening the Reporting of Observational Studies in Epidemiology
 - MOOSE - Meta-analysis of Observational Studies in Epidemiology
- Qualitative studies
 - COREQ - Consolidated criteria for reporting qualitative research
 - SRQR - Standards for Reporting Qualitative Research
- Quasi-experimental/ non-randomized trials
 - TREND - Transparent Reporting of Evaluations with Non-randomized Designs
- Randomized (and quasi randomized) controlled trials
 - CONSORT - Consolidated Standards of Reporting Trials

- Study of Diagnostic accuracy/assessment scale
 - STARD - Standards for the Reporting of Diagnostic Accuracy Studies
- Systematic Review and meta-analysis
 - PRISMA - Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses
 - MOOSE - Meta-analysis of Observational Studies in Epidemiology
- Quality improvement studies
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Typical length: 1,000 words, 20 references.

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Original articles report the results of basic and practical acupuncture researches and investigations that are sufficiently and thoroughly documented to be acceptable to critical readers. Section headings should be written in the following format: title page; abstract and keywords; introduction; materials and methods; results; discussion; conclusion (if any); acknowledgments; references; and tables and figures.

Typical length: Up to 5,000 words including references, and figure/table legends.

3. Review articles

Review articles provide concise reviews of subjects important to acupuncture researchers, and can be written by an invited acupuncture expert. These have the same format as the original articles but the details may be more flexible depending on the contents.

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FORMAT

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For the selection of keywords, refer to the Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) in PubMed (<https://meshb.nlm.nih.gov/search>).

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Project administration: ***, ***. Resources: ***, ***. Software: ***, ***. Supervision: ***, ***. Validation: ***, ***. Visualization: ***, ***. Writing – original draft: ***, ***. Writing – review & editing: ***, ***.

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- Kaminski TW, Hertel J, Amendola N, Docherty CL, Dolan MG, Hopkins JT, et al. National athletic trainers' association position statement: conservative management and prevention of ankle sprains in athletes. *J Athl Train* 2013;48:528-545. doi: 10.4085/1062-6050-48.4.02
- Wang YC, Li HY, Lin FS, Cheng YJ, Huang CH, Chou WH, et al. Injury location and mechanism for complex regional pain syndrome: a Nationwide Population-Based Case-Control Study in Taiwan. *Pain Pract* 2014 May 7 [Epub]. doi: 10.1111/papr.12211

2) Books

Surname and initials of author(s). Title. Edition. City: Publisher. Year;Inclusive pages.

- Leung DYM, Rhodes AR, Geha RS. Atopic dermatitis. *Dermatology and general medicine*. 3rd ed. McGraw-Hill. 1986:1385-1408.

3) Book chapter

Surname and initials of author(s). Title of chapter. In: Surname and initials of editor(s). Title of book. Edition. City: Publisher; Year;Inclusive pages.

- Stephenson AJ, Klein EA. Epidemiology, etiology, and prevention of prostate cancer. In: Wein AJ, Kavoussi LR, Partin AW, Peters CA, editors. *Campbell-Walsh urology*. 11th ed. Elsevier; 2016;2543-2564.

4) Reports

Surname and initials of author(s). Title of report. Place of publication: Publisher; Date of publication – year month if applicable. Report No.: (if applicable). Total number of pages if applicable eg. 24 p.

- Lee KO, Kim CO, Ryu BH, Lee SY, Jung KR, Lee EJ. [Ideas for applying different inspection period varying with risk level hazardous machinery & equipment.] Incheon (Korea): Occupational Safety and Health Research Institute; 2005. Report No.: OSHRI 2005-96-568. 241 p. Korean.

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Surname and initials of author(s). Title of publication [type of medium – Internet]. Place of publication (if available): Publisher (if available). Date of publication – year month day (supply year if month and day not available) [updated year month day; cited year month day]. Available from: web address.

- PeriStats [Internet]. White Plains (NY): March of Dimes Perinatal Data Center; 2007 [cited 2007 Feb 1]. Available from: <https://www.marchofdimes.com/peristats/>
- WHO [Internet]. Essential surgical care manual: Resuscitation and anesthesia, important medical conditions for the anesthetist [cited 2015 Mar 30]. Available from: https://www.steinergraphics.com/surgical/005_13.8

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Where a term/definition is continually referred to, it is written in full when it first appears, followed by the subsequent abbreviation in parentheses (even if it was previously defined in the abstract); thereafter, the abbreviation is used.

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