# Gynecology Obstetrics & Reproductive Medicine (GORM) INFORMATION FOR AUTHORS

### PREPARATION

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Writing rules: Submitted manuscripts should be arranged according to the following Article Template.

**Page Format:** 22 x 28 cm (8  $\frac{1}{2}$  x 11 inch) Portrait. All manuscripts should be submitted as Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx). Times New Roman with a font size of 12 must be used. All manuscript pages (including references, tables, and figure legends) must be double-spaced. Manuscripts should have 1-inch (2.5 cm) margins at top, bottom, and sides. Pages must be numbered consecutively in the upper right corner in the following order: title page, abstract, and body of text, acknowledgments, references, figure legends, and tables.

A cover letter should accompany the submission of the manuscript and the title page containing the authors details and blinded manuscript with no author details must be submitted as 2 separate files.

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Abstract page: Abstracts should be on the first page of the manuscript. It must include the aim of the study, method, results & original value briefly and clearly. All messages in the abstract must be consistent with the information in the text, tables, or figures. The use of commercial names should be avoided in the abstract.

The abstract page should be typed double spaced, with the required margins and headed by the title of the article and name(s) of author(s). Below the abstract, list 3 to 5 key words or short phrases for indexing purposes.

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Only standard abbreviations are to be used. In the text they should be kept to a practical minimum. The full term for which an abbreviation stands should precede its first use in the text unless it is a standard unit of measurement. Generic, chemical or proprietary names of drugs may be used. If the generic or chemical name is used, authors may, if they desire, insert the proprietary name in parentheses after the first mention in the text, with the name of the manufacturer and city and country.

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**Introduction:** In the introduction, state concisely the purpose and rationale for the study and cite only the most pertinent references as background. The basis of the research topic, the importance of the subject in the literature, the importance of the study, research problem and aims should be explained in the introduction.

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Acknowledgments: All persons who have contributed to the work but not sufficiently to be authors should be acknowledged. Authors should mark if the manuscript had been presented at a meeting (dates and location of the meeting).

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Written informed consent must be acquired for the patients with identifable information mentioned in submission. Consents must be acquired from patients. Consents may be required from relatives or parents in the case of unable or deceased patients.

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Standard journal article:

Halpern SD, Ubel PA, Caplan AL. Solid-organ transplantation in HIV-infected patients. N Engl J Med 2002 Jul 25;347(4):284-7.

Tanacan A, Aydın E, Çakar AN, Çağan M, Göksuluk D, Beksaç MS. The effect of prenatal invasive tests on neonatal birthweight. Gynecol Obstet Reprod Med 2015;21(3):127-9

### More than six authors:

Rose ME, Huerbin MB, Melick J, Marion DW, Palmer AM, Schiding JK, et al. Regulation of interstitial excitatory amino acid concentrations after cortical contusion injury. Brain Res 2002; 935(1-2):40-6.

Turğal M, Beksaç K, Başaran D, Yazıcıoğlu A, Özyüncü Ö, Aran Ö, et al. Pregnancy after cancer treatment and pregnancy associated cancer: A single center experience with 96 cases. Gynecol Obstet Reprod Med 2015;21(2):93-6

#### Chapter in a book

Meltzer PS, Kallioniemi A, Trent JM. Chromosome alterations in human solid tumors. In: Vogelstein B, Kinzler KW, editors. The genetic basis of human cancer. New York: McGraw-Hill; 2002. p. 93-113.

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