

# **The Medical Journal of Tikrit University**

## ***INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS***

- 1) The Editor will consider for publication papers reporting research works, review articles and case reports relevant to different aspects of medical sciences. In particular, community oriented field studies in health care and medical education are considered. Medical news and letters to the Editor are also accepted for consideration.
- 2) An article is received with the understanding that it is submitted solely to our journal.
- 3) Accepted language is English.
- 4) Submitted material is subject to evaluation and edition by selected reviewers.
- 5) The International System of Units (SI) or the metric systems are to be used for measurements.
- 6) Manuscripts including tables and illustrations, are to be submitted in triplicate with a covering letter signed by all authors, to the Editorial Office, Tikrit Medical Journal, Tikrit University, College of Medicine, P.O. Box 45, Tikrit 28001, Iraq.
- 7) All submitted materials are preferably computer typed with an actual typing space of 48 Roman characters (2.5X2.5 mm each) per line with a page of 45 lines (double space).
- 8) Rigorous adherence to the (Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biochemical Journals) published by the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors in 1979 and revised in 1981,

should be observed (see Annals of the College of Medicine, Mosul, 1988 vol. 14 : 91-103).

9) Each part of the manuscript should begin on a new page (unless computer typed), in the following order : title; abstract; actual text (usually comprising a short relevant introduction, materials or patients and methods, results, discussion); acknowledgment; references; tables and illustrations. Number all pages consecutively on mid-bottom part of each page, starting with the title page as page one. The title page should contain:-

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