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Instructions to the Authors

I. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Before submitting a manuscript, consult current issues of *Immunohematology* for style. Double-space throughout the manuscript. Number the pages consecutively in the upper right-hand corner, beginning with the title page.

II. SCIENTIFIC ARTICLE, REVIEW, OR CASE REPORT WITH LITERATURE REVIEW

A. Each component of the manuscript must start on a new page in the following order:

1. Title page
2. Abstract
3. Text
4. Acknowledgments
5. References
6. Author information
7. Tables
8. Figures

B. Preparation of manuscript

1. Title page
 - a. Full title of manuscript with only first letter of first word capitalized (bold title)
 - b. Initials and last name of each author (no degrees; all CAPS), e.g., M.T. JONES, J.H. BROWN, AND S.R. SMITH
 - c. Running title of ≤40 characters, including spaces
 - d. Three to ten key words
2. Abstract
 - a. One paragraph, no longer than 300 words
 - b. Purpose, methods, findings, and conclusion of study
3. Key words
 - a. List under abstract
4. Text (serial pages): *Most manuscripts can usually, but not necessarily, be divided into sections (as described below). Survey results and review papers may need individualized sections*
 - a. Introduction
Purpose and rationale for study, including pertinent background references
 - b. Case Report (if indicated by study)
Clinical and/or hematologic data and background serology/molecular
 - c. Materials and Methods
Selection and number of subjects, samples, items, etc. studied and description of appropriate controls, procedures, methods, equipment, reagents, etc. Equipment and reagents should be identified in parentheses by model or lot and manufacturer's name, city, and state. Do not use patient's names or hospital numbers.
 - d. Results
Presentation of concise and sequential results, referring to pertinent tables and/or figures, if applicable
 - e. Discussion
Implication and limitations of the study, links to other studies; if appropriate, link conclusions to purpose of study as stated in introduction
5. Acknowledgments: *Acknowledge those who have made substantial contributions to the study, including secretarial assistance; list any grants.*
6. References
 - a. In text, use superscript, Arabic numbers.
 - b. Number references consecutively in the order they occur in the text.
7. Tables
 - a. Head each with a brief title; capitalize the first letter of first word (e.g., Table 1. Results of . . .) use no punctuation at the end of the title.

- b. Use short headings for each column needed and capitalize first letter of first word. Omit vertical lines.
- c. Place explanation in footnotes (sequence: *, †, ‡, §, ¶, **, ††).

8. Figures

- a. Figures can be submitted either by e-mail or as photographs (5" × 7" glossy).
- b. Place caption for a figure on a separate page (e.g. Fig. 1 Results of. . .), ending with a period. If figure is submitted as a glossy, place first author's name and figure number on back of each glossy submitted.
- c. When plotting points on a figure, use the following symbols if possible:

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9. Author information

- a. List first name, middle initial, last name, highest degree, position held, institution and department, and **complete** address (including ZIP code) for **all** authors. List country when applicable.

III. EDUCATIONAL FORUM

A. All submitted manuscripts should be approximately 2000 to 2500 words with pertinent references. Submissions may include:

1. An immunohematologic case that illustrates a sound investigative approach with clinical correlation, reflecting appropriate collaboration to sharpen problem solving skills
2. Annotated conference proceedings

B. Preparation of manuscript

1. Title page
 - a. Capitalize first word of title.
 - b. Initials and last name of each author (no degrees; all CAPS)
2. Text
 - a. Case should be written as progressive disclosure and may include the following headings, as appropriate
 - i. Clinical Case Presentation: *Clinical information and differential diagnosis*
 - ii. Immunohematologic Evaluation and Results: *Serology and molecular testing*
 - iii. Interpretation: *Include interpretation of laboratory results, correlating with clinical findings*
 - iv. Recommended Therapy: *Include both transfusion and nontransfusion-based therapies*
 - v. Discussion: *Brief review of literature with unique features of this case*
 - vi. Reference: *Limited to those directly pertinent*
 - vii. Author information (see II.B.9.)
 - viii. Tables (see II.B.7.)

IV. LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A. Preparation

1. Heading (To the Editor)
2. Title (first word capitalized)
3. Text (written in letter [paragraph] format)
4. Author(s) (type flush right; for first author: name, degree, institution, address [including city, state, Zip code and country]; for other authors: name, degree, institution, city and state)
5. References (limited to ten)
6. Table or figure (limited to one)

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