



Asia-Pacific Journal of Molecular Medicine

INSTRUCTION TO AUTHOR

About the journal

Asia-Pacific Journal of Molecular Medicine (AoMM) is the official journal of the UKM Medical Molecular Biology Institute (UMBI). The journal is published on-line and accepts articles about investigations in the field of molecular medicine that advances knowledge in both human biology and pathology at the molecular level.

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Manuscript categories

Original articles

Original articles should present the results of new, independent findings which have not been reported elsewhere. The articles should have an abstract of 250 words, an Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results and Discussion. A joint section of "Results and Discussion" is permitted. An optional Case Report section may be placed after the introduction and before Materials and Methods, if relevant clinical information about one or more patients has to be presented for clarity. Each of these headings must begin on a new page. There should be no more than a total of 5 illustrations (either Tables or figures), and a maximum of 40 references.

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1. Abdul-Rahman PS, Lim BK, Hashim OH. Expression of high abundance proteins in sera of patients with endometrial and cervical cancers: analysis using two-dimensional gel electrophoresis with silver staining and lectin detection methods. *Electrophoresis* 2007; 28(12):1989-1996.
 2. Yong PH, Junit SM, Harun F, Hashim OH. Patients with congenital hypothyroidism demonstrate different altered expression of plasma fibrinogen and haptoglobin polypeptide chains. *Clin Biochem* 2006; 39:126-132.
 3. Sies H, Stahl W, Sundquist AR. Antioxidant functions of vitamins E and C, beta-carotene and other carotenoids. In: Sauberlich HE, Machlin LJ eds. *Beyond Deficiency. New views on the function and health effects of vitamins.* An NY Acad Sci 1992; 669:7-20.
 4. Greenwald P, Clifford C. Dietary prevention. In: Greenwald P, Kramer BS, Weed DL eds. *Cancer prevention and control.* New York: Marcel Dekker Inc. 1995.
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Contributors should use standard abbreviations, symbols and SI units.

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