

SUICIDOLOGI

Author Guidelines

Instructions for authors

Suicidologi is a double-blind peer-reviewed journal published since 1996 by the National Centre for Suicide Research and Prevention at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Oslo. The only journal in this field in the Nordic region, Suicidologi has about 5000 subscribers working in research, clinical practice and prevention. Suicidologi welcomes contributions in English and in Nordic languages from the breadth of all disciplines in suicide research and prevention.

Manuscript types

Suicidologi publishes the following main types of articles:

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Letters to the Editor are welcomed and should not exceed 450 words including references.

Submission of manuscripts

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Manuscript formatting requirements

Manuscripts must be produced in Word, with Times New Roman font size 12 double-spaced with broad margins throughout.

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Manuscript organization

Choose an apt, short and concise title. The introduction section should briefly orient the reader to the subject. Use non-numbered informative subheadings in separate lines throughout the manuscript to make the manuscript more reader-friendly. Empirical studies involving human study subjects should make clear in the Methods section that informed consent was obtained from subjects who participated in the study, and that the study had been approved by an Internal Review Board or Ethics Committee.

Methods, materials and results should be described in separate sections. The most important results should be discussed in a separate section and implications for further research, practice and/or prevention be highlighted.

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The manuscript can carry up to 3 illustrations excluding tables, figures and graphs. Illustrations, tables and figures may be submitted in colour. Illustrations should be submitted as separate electronic files with high resolution. Footnotes should be avoided in the manuscript text, but are allowed in tables and figures.

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3. Where available, URLs for the references have been provided.

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