

# *Acta Academica* Guidelines for Authors

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## **Practical considerations**

Word length of manuscripts should be 5000-8000 words including notes and references with an abstract of up to 150 words and five key words. Authors should supply a biography of 50-100 words.

A coversheet should accompany the manuscript providing full name, institutional address, email address, telephone and fax numbers - also the address where proofs and offprints should be sent if different from the above.

Authors should allow three months for consideration of their paper, but upon acceptance, they will be asked to make any necessary corrections and submit a final hard copy as well as an electronic copy.

Titles and section headings should be clear and brief. Lengthy quotations (exceeding 40 words) should be displayed, indented, in the text. Essential notes should be indicated by superscript numbers in the text and collected on a single page at the end of the text.

## **Reference style**

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