

INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS

1. Submission of articles

Animal Eye Research allows unpublished articles that may contribute to the development of basic research and clinical practice in the field of comparative ophthalmology. Manuscripts are to be written in Japanese or English. English manuscripts and the English summaries of Japanese manuscripts [see section 4.7] should be appropriately reviewed by native speakers before submission.

2. Manuscripts types

Review : Manuscripts that comprehensively describe basic/clinical research, novel findings/theory, new or important diagnostic/therapeutic technologies, and disease prevention, including the latest information relating Japan domestic and/or overseas on the field of comparative ophthalmology, will be evaluated by two or more reviewers, including editors.

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Case Report : Manuscripts that report single or multiple cases in comparative ophthalmology will be evaluated by two or more reviewers, including editors.

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Proceeding (annual meeting report) : Abstracts, slide files, and written texts of presentations at the annual meetings of the Japanese Society of Comparative and Veterinary Ophthalmology are reviewed by the editor-in-chief.

3. Qualification of submission and publication fee

First or corresponding authors are exempt from a submission fee, if they are general or honorary members or honorary professionals of the Japanese Society of Comparative and Veterinary Ophthalmology. First or corresponding authors should pay a submission fee (25,000 yen for reviews, original reports, notes, and case reports, and 13,000 yen for letters), if they are not members of the society. The submission fee will be transferred to the account designated by the society after the acceptance of the article. Invitation manuscripts are exempt from a submission fee. For articles exceeding the page limitation, the author should pay for the charge of the excess pages (10,000 yen/page). Reprint fees should be paid by authors.

4. Manuscript preparation

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- 2) On the first page of the manuscript, the type of manuscript (review, original report, note, case report, letter, and annual meeting report), title, author's name, affiliated institution and its postal code and address, telephone and fax numbers, E-mail address, and the names and addresses of corresponding authors should be written in both English and Japanese, with up to five keywords (for choosing keywords, refer to Excepta Medica, CAB Abstracts, and Biological Abstract).
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[Examples]

- 1) Bachrach, A. Jr., Johnes, M. M. and Laulell, A. A. (1987) : Ophthalmic emergencies. *In: Proceedings of 10th World Congress of the World Small Anim. Vet. Assoc. Royal Netherlands Vet. Assoc.* 177-184.
- 2) Kuno, H., Usui, T., Eydellotto, R. S. et al. (1991) : Spontaneous ophthalmic lesions in young Sprague-Dawley rats. *J. Vet. Med. Sci.* 53: 607-614.
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- 1) Bissner, B. (1975) : Ascariasis and visceral larva migrans. *In: Disease transmitted from animals to man.* 2nd. ed. (Hubbert, W. T. et al. ed.). pp. 584-600. Charles C. Thomas, London.
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1) Sending

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