

## Annex 5 - Submission guidelines: BMC Public Health- Preparing your manuscript

Below are the main submission guideline for submitting a research Article in BMC Public Health. The complete submission guidelines can be found at:

<https://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com/submission-guidelines/preparing-your-manuscript/research-article>

The information below details the section headings that you should include in your manuscript and what information should be within each section. Please note that your manuscript must include a 'Declarations' section including all of the subheadings (please see below for more information).

### Title page

The title page should:

- present a title that includes, if appropriate, the study design e.g.:
  - "A versus B in the treatment of C: a randomized controlled trial", "X is a risk factor for Y: a case control study", "What is the impact of factor X on subject Y: A systematic review"
  - or for non-clinical or non-research studies a description of what the article reports
- list the full names and institutional addresses for all authors
  - if a collaboration group should be listed as an author, please list the Group name as an author. If you would like the names of the individual members of the Group to be searchable through their individual PubMed records, please include this information in the "Acknowledgements" section in accordance with the instructions below
- indicate the corresponding author

### Abstract

The Abstract should not exceed 350 words. Please minimize the use of abbreviations and do not cite references in the abstract. Reports of randomized controlled trials should follow the [CONSORT](#) extension for abstracts. The abstract must include the following separate sections:

- **Background:** the context and purpose of the study
- **Methods:** how the study was performed and statistical tests used
- **Results:** the main findings
- **Conclusions:** brief summary and potential implications

- **Trial registration:** If your article reports the results of a health care intervention on human participants, it must be registered in an appropriate registry and the registration number and date of registration should be stated in this section. If it was not registered prospectively (before enrollment of the first participant), you should include the words 'retrospectively registered'. See our [editorial policies](#) for more information on trial registration

## Keywords

Three to ten keywords representing the main content of the article.

## Background

The Background section should explain the background to the study, its aims, a summary of the existing literature and why this study was necessary or its contribution to the field.

## Methods

The methods section should include:

- the aim, design and setting of the study
- the characteristics of participants or description of materials
- a clear description of all processes, interventions and comparisons. Generic drug names should generally be used. When proprietary brands are used in research, include the brand names in parentheses
- the type of statistical analysis used, including a power calculation if appropriate

## Results

This should include the findings of the study including, if appropriate, results of statistical analysis which must be included either in the text or as tables and figures.

## Discussion

This section should discuss the implications of the findings in context of existing research and highlight limitations of the study.

## Conclusions

This should state clearly the main conclusions and provide an explanation of the importance and relevance of the study reported.

## List of abbreviations

If abbreviations are used in the text they should be defined in the text at first use, and a list of abbreviations should be provided.