Fatigue: Biomedicine, Health & Behavior – article types considered for publication

Standard Submissions

Regular Articles

Regular articles are reports of original work that embody scientific advances in the study of fatigue in basic, applied and translational areas, including clinical trials. The text should not exceed 6,000 words which includes an abstract of no more than 200 words, a maximum of 5 tables and figures (total), and up to 60 references.

Reviews

Systematic reviews, meta-analyses, and narrative reviews of the literature are intended to bring together important information on a topic of general interest in fatigue science or practice. As with regular articles, review papers require a structured abstract and standard formatting in the text. Also, a statement of the type of review that is being done, how studies were selected, and a table of all studies reviewed are required. The text should not exceed 6,000 words which includes an abstract of no more than 200 words, a maximum of 5 tables and figures (total), and up to 80 references.

Theoretical Papers

The purpose of a theoretical paper is to draw upon the published literature with the aim of formulating or furthering a theory or hypothesis relevant to fatigue. Alternatively, the author may critically assess existing theories of fatigue, identifying flaws, or arguing of the superiority of one theory over another. It is important that theoretical papers be data-driven, rather than speculative. The text should not exceed 6,000 words which includes an abstract of no more than 200 words, a maximum of 5 tables and figures (total), and up to 80 references.

Short Reports

These manuscripts are brief reports of original studies or evaluations or unique, first-time reports of clinical case series. Length may not exceed 3000 words including abstract (200 words), tables, figures, and references with no more than 3 tables and/or figures in total.

Qualitative Studies

Qualitative studies can help to make sense of the phenomenon of fatigue and guide research efforts and clinical practice. For example, qualitative data may assist in developing new instruments, protocols, and understandings that take into account all aspects of fatigue. The text in qualitative studies cannot exceed 6,000 words which includes an abstract of no more than 200 words, a maximum of 5 tables and figures (total), and up to 50 references.

OTHER SECTIONS

Innovative Case Studies

Novel case reports are welcomed. The text cannot exceed 2,500 words which includes an abstract of no more than 150 words, a maximum of 3 tables and figures (total), and up to 20 references.

Expert Interactive Commentary

This section presents interactive discussion among experienced scientists and clinicians in the field of fatigue. The goal is to increase cross-disciplinary awareness of different aspects of fatigue and to generate ideas for new research and treatment as well as facilitate potential collaborations. The Editor will assemble these forums, but will consider unsolicited proposals. Commentary may include debate, discussion, and examination of challenging issues and difficult questions in clinical practice, research, public health, or health policy.

Conference Reports

Conference Reports manuscripts summarize the highlights of a fatigue-related professional meeting from a cross-disciplinary perspective. Conference articles are usually solicited by the Editor, but we will consider unsolicited material. Please contact the editorial office before writing a Conference Reports article.

Editorials

Editorials are primarily solicited by the Editor, but brief commentaries (750-1000 words) can be submitted for consideration.

Treatments of Fatigue

This section focuses on treatment or management issues that are frequently encountered, but recognized to be difficult. An idealized case described in a single paragraph summarizes the clinical issue. The author discusses the pathophysiology and psychosocial aspects of the case and reviews the evidence for particular treatments. The discussion should present the results of studies that support a therapeutic approach. The concluding paragraphs summarize the author's approach, given the available evidence and experience. Treatments of Fatigue articles are usually solicited by the Editor, but we will consider unsolicited material. Please contact the editorial office before writing a Treatments of Fatigue article. The text should be limited to 2,500 words, include an abstract, and can have up to 20 references and 1 figure.

Fatigue Education

Articles on fatigue education for medical and graduate students, practicing clinicians, occupational professionals, and/or practitioners in the sports/athletic field may focus on idealized cases, educational curricula, or training workshops and seminars. The goal of these articles is to present and evaluate methods to teach students, trainees, and professionals how to evaluate, treat and manage fatigue-related problems in patients, workers, and athletes. The text should be limited to 2,500 words with up to 20 references and 1 figure.

Historical Aspects of Fatigue

Authors may submit short historical or contemporary accounts of fatigue science, practice, or other portrayals of interest related to fatigue, such as manuscripts, books, and art, with accompanying text of up to 500 words signifying their relevance to the field today. Permission for re-publication of images, if

not the property of the submitting author, must be obtained before submission. Original unpublished or public domain images should be sought as *Fatigue* does not pay permission fees for reuse.

Letters to the Editor

Brief letters (maximum of 500 words, including references) will be considered with a cover letter indicating that the correspondence is "for publication." Letters regarding an article published in *Fatigue* must be received within 6 weeks of the article's publication. Letters will be sent to the article's corresponding author who will represent the final say on the matter. To be reviewed, letters must include the title and author of the article and the month and year of publication. Letters will be published on a space-available basis.

Book Reviews

Books for review should be sent to the Editor, Fred Friedberg, PhD Editor, Fatigue: Biomedicine, Health and Behavior,115 Putnam Hall/South Campus Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, New York 11794-8790 USA

Not all books received can be reviewed. Books are received with the understanding that reviewers selected by the Editor write their independent critical appraisals of the book's content and presentation.