

## **Submission requirements for publications in the "Bariatric Surgery Cases and Reviews" journal. ISSN 3083-5879**

### 1. Types of articles

The journal accepts:

- original scientific articles.
- randomized controlled trials (RCT).
- observational studies (cohort, case-control, clinical case series, cross-sectional).
- systematic reviews and meta-analyses.
- technological and methodological articles.
- clinical recommendations / practice guidelines.
- literature reviews and book reviews.
- dynamic manuscripts.

Only those works that have not previously been published in print or electronic form and have not been submitted to other publications are accepted for consideration.

### 2. Reviewing

All manuscripts undergo:

- initial review by members of the editorial board.
- double-blind independent review (2-3 experts).

The decision on publication is made by the editorial board.

After publication, all copyrights belong to the editorial board.

### 3. International reporting standards

To ensure that articles meet international requirements, authors must use special rules (checklist):

Type of study	Rule	What is needed for
Randomized controlled trials (RCTs)	CONSORT	How groups were formed, and treatment was administered
Observational studies	STROBE	How to describe the sample, inclusion/exclusion criteria
Systematic reviews and meta-analyses	PRISMA	How to transparently show the selection of articles
Diagnostic accuracy studies	STARD	How to assess sensitivity, specificity and accuracy
Animal studies	ARRIVE	How to comply with ethical standards in experiments
Other types of work	EQUATOR Network	Select appropriate instructions

All clinical trials must be registered in an international open registry (e.g., ClinicalTrials.gov) with the registration number indicated in the manuscript.

### 4. Language and scope

- Manuscripts are accepted in English.
- Keywords and a summary in two languages (Ukrainian/English) are mandatory (for Ukrainian authors).
- Manuscript length – up to 15 pages of A4 format.

### 5. Article structure

The work must contain:

- title page.
- summary (no less than 1500 characters).
- introduction.
- purpose of the article.
- object and methods of research (including "Data processing").
- results.
- discussion.
- conclusions.

- list of references.
- information about conflict of interest.

## 6. Title page

Must contain:

- title of the work.
- full name of the organization(s).
- surnames and initials of the authors.
- ORCID ID of each author.
- contact information.

Submit as a separate file in the form of a scanned copy with the signatures of all authors.

## 7. Technical requirements

- DOCX format (Microsoft Word).
- Times New Roman font, 14 point.
- 1.5 spacing.
- margins — 20 mm on all sides.
- page format — A4 (210×297 mm).
- the article is submitted as one file (without word breaks).

## 8. Illustrations and tables

- Tables in the text, numbered with Arabic numerals.
- Figures in .jpg/.jpeg/.png formats.
- Graphs/diagrams — in Excel, graphs from Statistica — in PDF.

## 9. Bibliography

- APA style (6th edition).
- References in square brackets.
- Up to 30 sources for the original article, up to 60 — for a review.
- At least 1/3 — for the last 5 years.

- Sources from the aggressor country are prohibited.

- DOI must be indicated, if available.

#### 10. Ethical requirements

- Authors are responsible for the originality of the work.

- The article should not be submitted to another journal at the same time.

- Mandatory: ethical approval, informed consent of patients, declaration of conflict of interest, indication of sources of funding.

#### 11. Editorial policy

- Manuscripts that are not properly formatted will not be accepted.

- The editorial board reserves the right to make editorial changes without changing the content.