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The principal author should be registered in NNC. The manuscript should be original and the principal author should ensure that the manuscript has not been published or will not be published in any other journal. Manuscript based on master of nursing and doctorate thesis may be submitted. The authors should be fully responsible for the substantial and ethical aspects of the manuscript and subjects involved. In the case of research manuscript the research proposal should have been approved by the concerned ethical committee. Research manuscript without ethical clearance from the concerned ethical committee/board will not be accepted for publication in JNNC. The type of manuscripts (articles) published in the JNNC is given in table 1. In addition, articles requested by the editorial board might also be published.

Table 1: Type of Manuscripts including the Word Limit

Type of Manuscripts	Specifications	Word counts
Opinion	Suggestions/opinions regarding nursing and midwifery education, management, care practices, policies and other topics	1,500
Original/Research	Original research manuscript related to nursing and midwifery	2,500
Field/Case report	Report on program/project, field practices, evaluations and case studies related to nursing and midwifery	1,500
Review	Review of books/ literature related to nursing and midwifery with professional comments and views	1,500

Submission of Manuscript

The author(s) should include a cover letter along with the manuscript stating that the material in the manuscript is original and that it has not been submitted for publication or published anywhere. The cover letter should include signature of all authors, their institutional affiliations along with the email address, mobile no. and fax no. of the author responsible for correspondence.

Manuscript Layout

Manuscript should be prepared using the 6th edition American Psychological Association (APA) style. Manuscript should be typed using 'Times New Roman' Font size 12, double space and 1 inch margin in all sides, and pages should be numbered consecutively beginning with the title page. Page number should be placed on the bottom of the page at the centre. The format for preparation of the manuscript is given in table 2 and 3. In preparing manuscript author(s) should use British English language.

Table 2: Format for Preparing the Research Manuscript

Subdivision	Specification
Title	Should be concise and specific to the contents. Title page should include the title of the article, author(s) names, and institutional affiliations, mailing address along with email, fax, and telephone number. Author's name should be in the order of first name, initial of second name and surname in full (e.g. Surya D. Shrestha). The second page should start with the title of the article (with no author's name) followed by the abstract and the text.
Abstract	Should not exceed 250 words and need to be structured with objectives, methods, results and conclusion
Key words	Should not be more than five words
Introduction	Should include background, rationale and objectives of the study
Methods	Should include the design used along with the study setting, study population, sampling procedure and sample size. It should also include the method of data collection, instrument used, data collection procedure, ethical consideration, and data management and analysis.
Results	Should describe the findings using up to five tables and /or figures. Tables and figures should be numbered along with the title.
Discussion and Conclusion	Should relate findings of the study to other relevant studies. In discussion the implications of the findings along with the limitations of the study should be included. The conclusion should be made based on the findings. Recommendations may be included as needed.
References	Citation reference and listing should be done using APA style. The author should make the reference list to the minimum of 15.

Table 3: Format for Preparing the Non-research Manuscript

Subdivision	Specification
Title	Should be concise and specific to the contents. Title page should include the title of the article, author(s) names, and institutional affiliations, mailing address along with email, fax and mobile/telephone number. Author's name should be in the order of first name, initial of second name and surname in full (e.g. Surya D. Shrestha). The second page should start with the title of the article (with no author's name) followed by the abstract and the text.
Abstract	Should have brief summary of the article not exceeding 150 words and it needs to describe what the paper covers including purpose of the paper.
Key words	Should not be more than five words
Content ext	Should include the introduction, presentation of information in a focused way along with the conclusion and recommendations as relevant
References	Citation reference and listing should be done using APA style. The author should make the reference list to the minimum of 5.

Review of Manuscript

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