

## INSTRUCTION TO CONTRIBUTORS

### Aim and scope of SLVJ

Sri Lanka Veterinary Journal (SLVJ) is the official publication of the Sri Lanka Veterinary Association (SLVA). The SLVJ aims to disseminate veterinary information to the practising veterinarians by publishing original research and reviews of veterinary and allied sciences. Articles of clinical interest and research notes too are considered for publication. Submission of a paper implies that the results reported have never been published and is not being considered for publication elsewhere. A small section of the journal is devoted to report the activities of the profession in Sri Lanka and elsewhere.

### Types of articles

1. Original research papers (Research Papers)
2. Short communications
3. Clinical communications/ Case reports
4. Letters to the Editor
5. Review articles

### Guide to Authors

#### Manuscript format

Manuscripts should be submitted in English (UK) using Word (12 point Times New Roman), and have numbered lines (continuous numbering) with wide margins and double spacing throughout. Every page of the manuscript should be numbered. Manuscripts can be submitted electronically to [editor@slva.org](mailto:editor@slva.org)

#### Format for original research article

Manuscripts should be organized in the following order:

1. Title
2. Name(s) of author(s) with qualifications
3. Affiliations of authors
4. E-mail address of the corresponding author
5. Present address(es) of author(s) if applicable
6. Abstract
7. Introduction
8. Materials and methods
9. Results and Discussion
10. Conclusion
11. Acknowledgements
12. References

**Tables:** The tables should be numbered in Arabic numerals and cited in the text. Each table need to be accompanied by a brief and clear caption. The text should not repeat what the tables already convey. Table must be in Word (not in Excel) with 12 point Times New Roman letter size.

**Figures and Illustrations:** All Figures should be numbered in Arabic numerals and cited in the text. Photographs should be in an acceptable format (TIFF or JPEG), EPS (or PDF), or MS Office files with a good resolution (minimum resolution 300px). Each Figure should have a concise legend.

**References:** References in the text should be cited as: Carter (1979) or (Carter, 1979).

If the cited reference has more than two authors, abbreviate the citation as, (Taylor *et al.*, 1979) in the body of the article. References cited in the text should be arranged alphabetically under the “List of References”, following the APA Referencing system.

For journal articles:

Weiss, S. J. (1989). Tissue destruction by neutrophils. *New England Journal of Medicine*, **320**(6): 365-376.

For books:

Radostits, O. M., Mayhew, I. G., Houston, D. M. And Mayhew, I. G. J. (2000). *Veterinary clinical examination and diagnosis*. WB Saunders, 13-23.

Chapter in a multi-author book

Barnes, H. J. and Gross, W. B. (1997). Colibacillosis. In: Diseases of poultry. Calnek, B. W., Barnes, H. J., Beard, C. W., Mc Douglass, L. R. and Saif, Y. M. (Eds). Iowa State University Press, America, 131-141.

For a paper published in symposia proceedings

Nimal, K.F. and Chandresena, B.A. (1999). Bacteria causing Mastitis in dairy cattle. Proceedings of 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention and Scientific Sessions of Veterinary Association, Colombo, Sri Lanka, 68-69.

For websites:

Tam, T. Title of the document. In: Diseases of livestock. Livestock health. 2012. <http://www.lh.org/dose/title> of subordinate document. Accessed on 15 Jan 2016

### Short communications

Short communications should also report the results of original research in a concise manner. It should also follow the format for original research articles but not occupy more than 10 manuscript pages including figures, tables and references.

### Clinical communications/ case report

Studies discussing the efficacy of treatments or interventions, case series describing key diagnostic signs or management approaches are preferred to publish under case reports. Single case reports are generally discouraged, unless they depict novel or potentially significant information useful for the practitioner. Eg. novel infectious diseases

Clinical communications should be organised in the following order:

1. Title of case
2. Authors
3. Affiliations of authors
4. Abstract (not more than 150 words)
5. Background
6. Case presentation
7. Differential diagnosis
8. Laboratory and other Investigations ( if necessary)
9. Treatment and management
10. Prognosis/outcome/necropsy
11. Discussion and clinical significance
12. Acknowledgement
13. References
14. Figures
15. Tables

### Letters to the editor

Letters to the editor should provide new insight, make corrections, offer alternate theories, or request clarification about the content printed in the journal. The letter should be submitted to the editor via email: [editor@slva.org](mailto:editor@slva.org)

### Review articles

These articles should aim at providing in-depth reviews of veterinary related subjects, systematic reviews providing information that would assist clinical decision-making, or a summary of significant research published in other journals.

### Subscriptions and Advertisements

All communications concerning subscriptions and advertisements should be directed to the Editor, Sri Lanka Veterinary Journal at E-mail: [editor@slva.org](mailto:editor@slva.org)

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