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Article Description	Abstract	Page Limit	Word Limit	Tables/Figures	References
<ul> <li>Review</li> <li>Introduction and summary on a targeted topic on prosthodontics</li> <li>Correctly introducing the background subject area and outcomes of past research</li> </ul>	Study selection Results Conclusion ≤ 250 words Summary Boxes (≤ 350 characters each) • What is already known • What this review adds	≤ 8 printed pages	No Limits	No Limits *Systematic review and meta-analysis: submit a completed PRISMA 2020 checklist.	No Limits *Special attention shall be paid to the selection of reference literature
<ul> <li>Original article</li> <li>With high novelty leading to objective conclusions</li> <li>To scientifically contribute to the development of prosthodontics</li> </ul>	Purpose Methods Results Conclusions ≤ 250 words Summary Boxes (≤ 350 characters each) • What is already known • What this study adds	≤ 10 printed pages	No Limits	No Limits *Randomized controlled trials: submit a completed CONSORT 2010 flow diagram. *Observational studies: submit a STROBE statement.	No Limits
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# I. Ethical standards and guidelines

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- Figures
- Tables
- · Completed "JPR Initial Check list"
- Bullet points for summary box (for review article, original article, case reports, and technical procedures)
  - 1. What is known about this topic? (less than 350 characters)
  - 2. What does this study add? (less than 350 characters)
- Graphical abstract (if applicable)
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# Introduction

- 1. Clearly and briefly describe the study background and its rational objective, with a review of earlier publications.
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Book:

3. Strunk Jr W, White EB. The elements of style. 4th ed. New York: Longman; 2000. Chapter in an edited book:

 Mettam GR, Adams LB. How to prepare an electronic version of your article. In: Jones BS, Smith RZ, editors. Introduction to the electronic age, New York: E-Publishing Inc; 2009, p. 281-304.

#### Website:

 Cancer Research UK. Cancer statistics reports for the UK, http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/ aboutcancer/statistics/cancerstatsreport/; 2003 [accessed 13 March 2003].

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 Oguro M, Imahiro S, Saito S, Nakashizuka T. Mortality data for Japanese oak wilt disease and surrounding forest compositions, Mendeley Data, v1; 2015. https://doi.org/10.17632/ xwj98nb39r.1.

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## **Original article**

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< Structure of original article >

#### Introduction

The background, purpose, and significance of the research should be described in a clear manner.

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## **Conclusion (Summary)**

Only the obtained results should be described accurately and concisely.

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## < Structure of case report >

#### Introduction

The introduction should state the positioning of the case in the dental clinic and its characteristics, describe the identified problems, and explain why the case is worthy of reporting.

## Outline of the case

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#### Discussion

Refer to related and important literature and discuss the reported case. Discuss the characteristics, treatment, and progress of the case and refer to its prosthodontic positioning.

## Conclusion

The conclusion should include points that will be helpful for readers in their own clinical practice.

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## Introduction

Clearly describe the purpose of the technology (operation method, research method, or used method) to be introduced.

## **Materials and methods**

Clearly and systematically describe the materials, equipment, methods, methodology, and operational methods used.

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## Conclusion

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- A discussion commenting on a recent JPR article. As with other articles, a Letter to the Editor may be subject to peer review.

Typically, it should contain a text with 1,000 words or less, figure legends, and references. It should have no abstract and no section headings. The references are limited to 10. It need not follow the usual classification of sections, such as Materials and Methods. A Letter to the Editor may contain up to two figures or tables.

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- 1. This regulation implements it from the day (April 1, 2013) with the establishment Public Interest Incorporated Associations.
- 2. This regulation is effective on and after February 1, 2022.