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- The main document is a blinded document for review and should contain the following components (see 3.1 to 3.6) in a single Microsoft Word file, each component starting on a separate page: blinded title page, abstract, main body, references, tables, and figure legends.
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3.3. Main Body

3.3.1. Original Article

3.3.1.1. Introduction

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- The methods of statistical analysis and criteria for statistical significance should be described.
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- The study data should be presented in a clear, logical sequence in the Results.
- Because biometrics involves variations in exact measurements,

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Lee SH, Cho N, Chang JM, Koo HR, Kim JY, Kim WH, et al. Two-view versus single-view shear-wave elastography: comparison of observer performance in differentiating benign from malignant breast masses. *Radiology* 2013 Sep 12 [Epub]. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1148/radiol.13130561>.

Book

Han MC, Kim CW. Sectional human anatomy. 3rd ed. Seoul: Ilchokak, 1991.

Chapter in a book

Grant EG. Liver. In: Mitterlstaedt CA, ed. General ultrasound. 1st ed. New York: Churchill Livingstone, 1992;173-248.

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National Cancer Institute, Division of Cancer Treatment and Diagnosis. Guidelines from the National Cancer Institute Cancer Imaging Program MR Workshop on Translational Research in Cancer [Internet]. Bethesda, MD: National Cancer Institute, 2004 [cited 2013 Nov 10]. Available from: http://dctd.cancer.gov/ProgramPages/cip/clinical_trials_imaging.htm.

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- Tables should not be longer than one page and should contain at least four lines and two columns of data.
- Tables are to be numbered in the order in which they are cited in the text.
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- Multiple figures mentioned in the text should be described as follows, e.g., Figs. 1, 3.
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Technical note	200	3,000	30	10
Review article	120	4,000	100	No limits
Perspective	Not required	2,000	20	0
Pictorial essay	120	2,000	20	30
Letter to the Editor	Not required	500	10	2

Any article longer than these limits should be discussed with the editor.

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- The submitted manuscript will first be evaluated at the editorial office regarding the completeness of the submitted materials and their suitability to *Ultrasonography*. Modifications/corrections may be requested from the authors at this stage before starting the peer review.
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