Communication & Medicine

Checklist for Authors

Original Submissions

Prepare **ONE MICROSOFT WORD document** as follows:

- Everything in one file

Page 1: cover sheet – See sample below

- Name(s) of author(s)
- Main author’s affiliation (university, country)
- Main author’s full institutional address
- Main author’s contact email
- Full title of the article
- Short title of the article (for running head)
- Word count and character count (with spaces), inclusive of all material

Page 2: bionote (approx. 75 words per author) – See sample below

- Bionote, including address for correspondence for all authors

Page 3: abstract and keywords

- Abstract (max 200 words)
- Up to 6 keywords

Page 4 ff: manuscript (max 7000 words)

- Provide title of ms and affiliations for title page (Name of university and country only).
- Use 12-point Times New Roman font (do not use boldface in the body of the text except for subheadings).
- The manuscript must be double spaced throughout.
- The manuscript must not contain headers and footers.
- Ensure that annotations are deleted from the manuscript.
All abbreviations must include full forms at their first mention.

Do not use contracted forms such as can’t, didn’t, shouldn’t, &.

List citations in the text in chronological orders. If providing page references, they should be separated by colon and space.

Data transcripts: (i) for data transcripts with line numbers, do not exceed 40 characters per line (including spaces) - this restriction does not apply if turns (not lines) are numbered; (ii) preferably, all line numbers should be added manually instead of using an automated Word function; (iii) when two languages are in play, do not use two-column format for presenting data extracts; (iv) data extracts should be part of running text not treated as figures, being boxed etc.; and (v) always provide a list of the transcription conventions as an appendix, suitably cross-referred in the text.

Figures/tables (and captions to accompany them) should be provided on separate sheets at the end of the manuscript. In the body of the text, clearly indicate at the appropriate place [Insert Fig. 1 about here].

Use Endnotes rather than Footnotes. However, keep Endnotes to a minimum. Indicate Endnotes by using a superscript number in the main text, rather than using Word's Endnote function. The Endnotes should precede the ‘References’ section.

References must conform to Communication & Medicine house style. Include volume number, issue number and page references in journal citations, e.g. Clinical Linguistics and Phonetics 16 (5): 345–359 (use unspaced en dashes rather than hyphens in number spans, also for book chapters). See examples below.

Avoid use of appendices but if they are essential place them before the Endnotes and References.

Ensure that explicit acknowledgement is made about informed consent and ethics approval when research involves human participants.

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Save the WORD document giving as file name the manuscript reference number provided + author name + R (e.g. C&M1880-Jones-R for revised version); + F (e.g. C&M1880-Jones-F for final version); add a cover letter as a separate file (e.g. C&M1880-Jones-Cover Letter) in which you explain in detail how you have addressed the referees' concerns, and submit

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- Introduction must be kept separate from literature review. Very broadly, the introduction should orient the reader to the background, aim and focus of the paper – leading to the research questions and the structure/organisation of the overall paper.

- Update all anonymised references (avoid Author 2012, Author et al. 2014).

- All data extracts should be set out within the main text. Do not place them inside separate text boxes.

- Provide transcription conventions in an appendix and make a cross reference at a relevant point in the text (e.g. when introducing the first data extract).

- If you are using line numbers in the transcript, insert the line numbers manually. Do not use Word's "line number display" function. Also, make sure the total number of characters including spaces does not exceed 40 because of the two-column format design of C&M. Then check for cross-references in the text.

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names must be written in full. Middle names must be written as initials. (e.g.
Surname, Name X. X.). Entries in the list of references should not contain carriage
returns followed by tabs or spaces to create indents. There should only be one
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**Sample Cover sheet**

Author: Name
Affiliation: University, country
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University
Street, number
Postal/zip code, city
Country
Email: xxxxx@xxxxx.xx

Full title of Article: Communicative representation of virtual illness experience
Short title of the Article (for running head): communicative representation of illness

Word count (all inclusive): 7,000
Character count (with spaces): 45,000

**Sample Bionote**

(Name) received his Ph.D in illness semiotics from (university) and is currently (title) at
(university, country). His research interests include lifestyle illnesses, cultural belief
systems and communication ethics. His most recent book-length publication is
Communication Therapy for Almost All (2008, Blue Sky Press). Address for
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Use endnotes rather than footnotes. Endnotes should be kept to an absolute minimum. They should be numbered consecutively throughout the article (not per page) and listed on a separate page entitled ‘Notes’ at the end of the article, preceding the References.

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Citations in the text should give the surname of the author(s) or editor(s), year of publication, and page numbers where appropriate, in the following style:

(Smith 2002)
(Smith 2002: 250–253)
(Smith et al. 2003: 10)

(Smith 1979, 2001)
(Smith and Jones 1976) (Smith 1970a, 1970b)

(Smith 2000: 24)
(Smith 1991; Jones 1992)
(Smith 2004 [1992])

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All works cited in the text, and only those, must be fully listed in the Reference section at the end of the manuscript, in alphabetical order by the author. Pay particular attention to the use of punctuation marks: all author middle name initials must be spaced and in case of multiple authorships, use ‘and’ instead of ‘&’. All entries for book publications must include place of publication and publisher. Please be sure to give the page numbers of articles in both books and journals, as well as the volume and issue numbers in the case of journal articles.

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