

Information for authors

The “Journal of the National Institute of Public Health” (JNIPH) is published 6 times a year to promptly cover up-to-date topics in the field of public health; including health, health care, social care and environmental health, and to transmit evidence-based accurate knowledge and information to healthcare professionals.

There are no restrictions on the eligibility to submit “JNIPH”.

Submission guidelines

1. Research fields covered by the “Journal of the National Institute of Public Health”

The “Journal of the National Institute of Public Health” publishes articles on subjects in the field of public health, including health, health care, welfare and living environment.

The intended readers are the staff of local governments, universities and research institutions, such as professional engineers and researchers engaged in health, health care, welfare, living environment, etc., and those who expect to be engaged in these occupations in the future.

2. Qualifications for submission

Anyone can submit an article.

3. Content of articles

The contents of the articles should be related to research fields covered by the “Journal of the National Institute of Public Health,” and articles should not have been published or been submitted to other academic journals.

4. Language of articles

Manuscripts can be written in Japanese and English. If your manuscript has been written in Japanese, you should provide a title, author names, affiliations, abstract, keywords and references in English. If your manuscript has been written in a English, you should provide a title, author names, affiliations, abstract and keywords in Japanese.

5. Types and categories of articles

The dissertation is divided into two categories: articles requested by the editorial board and articles submitted freely.

The following 9 types of articles are published.

(1) Original Articles (peer-reviewed)

Articles on surveys/studies in research fields covered by the “Journal of the National Institute of Public Health,” which should have originality/novelty, and contain scientifically valuable findings or conclusions [up to 10 printed pages]

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Articles written in free format describing significant surveys/statistics from the standpoint of public health [up to 8 printed pages]

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Articles that summarize and systematize or interpret previous findings and research results in the fields covered by the “Journal of the National Institute of Public Health” [up to 12 printed pages]

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Articles briefer than original articles, with some new findings, such as preliminary reports [up to 5 printed pages]

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Articles with findings obtained through practice, education, research or other activities related to the research fields covered by the “Journal of the National Institute of Public Health” conducted in Japan or other countries, which are helpful when other communities or organizations perform similar activities [up to 5 printed pages]

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Experts’ opinions, proposals or suggestions on activities, policies or trends in research fields covered by the “Journal of the National Institute of Public Health” [up to 5 printed pages]

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Opinions on published articles and timely reports in research fields covered by the “Journal of the National Institute of Public Health” in Japan or other countries [up to 2 printed pages]

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*One printed page basically corresponds to 2600 characters or 850 English words.

Manuscripts exceeding the maximum number of pages may be published.

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- (1) Research involving human subjects should be conducted in compliance with scientific and ethical standards according to the Declaration of Helsinki, “guidelines for medical and biological research involving human subjects” etc. If you had obtained approval from the ethics committee or a similar body of your institution, this should be described.
- (2) Research articles involving animals should describe that the research was conducted according to the guidelines for the management and use of experimental animals prescribed by your institution.
- (3) The format of the articles should conform to the Instructions for Authors below. Articles not conforming to the instructions shall not be accepted, in principle.

7. Copyright and internet publication

- (1) Copyright of all submitted articles shall belong to the National Institute of Public Health. When all or a part of an article is to be used in other journals, etc., in a manner of more than mere citation, approval must be obtained from the editorial board of the journal.
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8. Review for publication

The acceptance of manuscripts for publication shall be determined by the editorial board through peer review by 2 or more experts. If your manuscript is returned for revision or other reasons by the editorial board, you should send the revised manuscript back to the editorial board within 1 month, in principle. If the revised manuscript is returned after the 1-month period, it may be considered as a new submission. For articles in categories (7), (8) and (9) shown in 5, the acceptance of manuscripts shall be determined by the editorial board.

9. Fee for publication

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- Please refer to the following website for the full text of the Submission guidelines / instructions for authors.

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