

Submission Guidelines

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1. General Information (voltar)

As part of the submission process, authors are required to check off their submission's compliance with all of the following items, and submissions will be returned to authors that do not adhere to these guidelines.

1.1 *Ensure that the following items are present:* (voltar)

1.1.1 One author has been designated as the corresponding author with contact details: e-mail address, full postal address and phone number [with whatsapp is preferable] (voltar)

1.1.2 All necessary files have been uploaded: (voltar)

1.1.2.1 Manuscript (voltar)

- Include 5 keywords in alphabetical order
- The manuscript is original and has not been published previously, nor is under consideration elsewhere
- The manuscripts should be written in concise and clear American English for a proper comprehension. Authors for whom English is not the first language should have their manuscripts read by colleagues fluent in English. If extensive english corrections are needed, authors may be charged for the cost of editing or an English certificate revision will be request. Manuscripts which are not written in fluent English will be rejected automatically without refereeing
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- The manuscript text is double-spaced with 14-point Arial font, with margins of 2 cm on each side and Arial justified paragraph. It employs italics, rather than underlining, tables are placed in the text body at appropriate points, rather than at the end
- Be especially careful to use full stop as decimal point, not comma. As spell checker, use American English
- Be consistent: use the same form of units, etc., and key these elements in exactly the same way throughout the manuscript. Put a space between the digits and the unit, e.g. 5.2 mm
- When emphasizing words (seldom necessary), use the italics feature of your text processor software rather than the underline feature

- Do not use the uppercase for 1 (one) or the uppercase O for 0 (zero), use the proper numerals instead
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- Template for original articles: Click here to download the [Template for original articles](#)
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- Authors have read and agreed with the policies of the BDS: ([Interoperability OAI-PMH](#), [Open Access](#), [Privacy Statement](#), [Preprints](#), [APC Publication Fees](#), [Ethics](#), [CRediT Taxonomy](#), [Plagiarism](#), [Copyright Policy](#), [Peer Review Process](#), [Peer Evaluation Form](#), [Accreditation of Referees](#), [Retraction](#), [Artificial Intelligence](#), [Digital Preservation](#), [Research Data](#), [Conflict of Interest](#), [DEIA](#), [PlumX and Dimensions](#))
- The text adheres to the stylistic and bibliographic requirements outlined at this [Submission Guidelines](#)
- Authors are required to suggest two potential reviewers for their submitted article (name and email address are required). Reviewers must have no conflict of interest with manuscript. Authors must pay attention to this recommendation. Find potential reviewers from a country different from yours.
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- **Commitment to Open Science and SciELO Criteria**
In alignment with the principles of Open Science and the rigorous criteria established by SciELO (Scientific Electronic Library Online), the Brazilian Dental Science journal is committed to maintaining the highest standards of editorial quality and peer review for all submissions.

Editorial Process for Preprint Manuscripts

To ensure consistent quality and integrity across all published content, we wish to formally clarify the editorial process for manuscripts originating from preprint servers. All manuscripts derived from preprints will be subjected to the identical and complete editorial process as those spontaneously and voluntarily submitted directly to the Brazilian Dental Science submission system. This comprehensive process includes, but is not limited to:

Initial Technical and Scope Screening: Assessment by the editorial office for compliance with the journal's policies and scope.

Plagiarism Check: Rigorous evaluation using advanced detection tools.

Peer Review: A full, unbiased peer review process conducted by expert referees.

Editorial Decision: Final decision (Acceptance, Revision, or Rejection) by the Editor-in-Chief.

Copyediting and Galley Proofs: Preparation of the manuscript for final publication.

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scientific knowledge. **2. Prior deposits that DO NOT compromise originality:** The **prior deposit** of the manuscript or its preliminary version in the following repositories **IS NOT considered prior publication** and **DOES NOT compromise the originality** required for submission to and publication in BDS: **Institutional Repositories:** Theses, Dissertations, and Final Course Papers (TCCs/Monographs). **Non-Commercial Preprint Servers:** Examples include [SciELO Preprints](#), [Preprints](#), [EmeRI](#), [ArXiv](#), or equivalent platforms. **3. Mandatory Instructions for Authors:** Authors must comply with the following requirements when submitting a manuscript based on a prior deposit: **Disclosure in the Title Page:**

- Authors are **obligated to declare** in the **Title Page** if the submitted article is derived from a **Thesis, Dissertation, or Final Course Paper**.
- The **link (URL)** to the original document deposited in the institutional repository **must be provided** in the Title Page.
- **Adaptation of Scientific Text:**
 - The article text **must be adapted and condensed** relative to the original document (Thesis/Dissertation/TCC).
 - Authors are encouraged to focus on the **conciseness and the IMRDC format** required for a scientific journal article.
- **Title Differentiation:**
 - The article's **title may (and generally should) differ** from the title of the original Thesis or Dissertation, aiming for greater precision and suitability for the journal's audience.

1.1.2.2 Title Page Template: click here to download the [Title page template](#)

- [Title page](#) (upload completely filled file) ([voltar](#))

1.1.2.3 Supplementary files (where applicable) ([voltar](#))

- The figures and illustrations (JPG or TIFF format), and tables (word format) are embedded in the text, and also provided in separate files with the requested resolution
- All tables (including titles, descriptions and footnotes)
- Videos must be published on YouTube or Vimeo. The author must send the encoded data given by that repository

2. Author responsibilities ([voltar](#))

- There are no fees for the submission and evaluation process of articles. The **Publication Fee** is R\$800,00 ([for Brazilian authors](#)) and US\$350.00 American dollars ([for foreign authors](#)) and will be charged to the corresponding author.
- Authors are responsible for the originality of manuscripts

- Manuscripts should not be submitted to other journals until a final decision is issued
- Authors should declare they have read the final version of the manuscript and assume the responsibility for its contents

3. General structure of the manuscripts [\(voltar\)](#)

3.1 Laboratory or Clinical Research Manuscripts (in full and "Short Communication") must include: [\(voltar\)](#)

- Title (English) and (Portuguese - only for Brazilian native speakers authors)
- Abstract (English) and (Portuguese - only for Brazilian native speakers authors)
- Introduction, Material & Methods, Results, Discussion and Conclusion
- References

3.2 Case Report / Clinical Technique Manuscripts must include: [\(voltar\)](#)

- Title (English) and (Portuguese - only for Brazilian native speakers authors)
- Abstract (English) and (Portuguese - only for Brazilian native speakers authors)
- Introduction, Case report description, Discussion and Conclusion
- References

3.3 Literature Review Manuscripts must include: [\(voltar\)](#)

- Title (English) and (Portuguese - only for Brazilian native speakers authors)
- Abstract (English) and (Portuguese - only for Brazilian native speakers authors)
- Critical Review
- Discussion, final analysis or considerations
- References

4 Types of Manuscripts [\(voltar\)](#)

4.1 Original Research Manuscripts [\(voltar\)](#)

(These formatting instructions are valid for both clinical- and laboratory-based research, as well as for manuscripts "in full" and for "short communications")

4.1.1 Abstract [\(voltar\)](#)

Abstract MUST be limited to 250 words. The abstract should briefly state the manuscript objective(s), material and methods, main results, and most important conclusions, and therefore must present the following headings: Objective, Material and Methods, Results, and Conclusions. Abbreviations should be avoided (except for well-known acronyms like WHO, AIDS, etc).

Do NOT include references. The abstract should be formatted into a single paragraph.

4.1.2 Keywords [\(volar\)](#)

Offer at least 5 keywords in alphabetical order after the abstract. Use terms from the [Medical Subject headings List](#). These keywords will be used for indexing purposes. Abstract and keywords should be included in the main document file, followed by the main text containing the headings described below

4.1.3 Introduction [\(volar\)](#)

Provide the context or background for the study (i.e. the nature of the problem and its significance). Only pertinent references should be used. Do NOT include data or conclusions from the work being reported. In the last paragraph of the Introduction section, authors MUST concisely state the aim of the study and, if applicable, present the study hypothesis

4.1.4 Material and Methods [\(volar\)](#)

In this section, describe all methods, materials and sample so that other researchers would be able to reproduce the reported methodology.

- Use appropriate subheadings for the different segments of the Material and Methods section, when doing so could improve objectiveness.
- For well-known methods, a brief description and a reference to another paper may be enough. However, if you deviate from the well-known methods, you MUST provide a more complete description of the methodology.
- Authors MUST present materials' name, number and batch, and manufacturers' name, city, and country. Both materials and manufacturers information should be in parenthesis.
- Quantitative estimates of the validity and reliability of the methods are desirable. Report length, height, weight, and volume in metric units (meters, kilograms, or liters), or their decimal multiples.
- Provide temperatures using Celsius.
- The use of the International System of Units (SI) is recommended. Correct unit abbreviations should be used (e.g. "yr", "wk", "d", "h", "min", "s" and "µm").
- Scientific names of bacteria, binomials in italics, MUST be given in full when first mentioned. Subsequent mention may abbreviate genus, taking care that this abbreviation is unambiguous (Staph. or Strep. instead of S.).
- For research involving human or animals subjects, authors MUST provide information regarding the Institutional Review Board (IRB)

protocol number in the 'Materials and Methods' section of the manuscript. The original IRB approval document must be uploaded as a separate, supplementary file to ensure a blind peer review. The submission of the IRB approval memorandum as supplementary material is mandatory.

4.1.5 Results [\(voltar\)](#)

- Present your results in a logical sequence giving the main or most important findings first, usually in past tense, WITHOUT subjective comments and comparison with other studies. For clarity, the Results section might have subheadings.
- Data that can be easily found in the tables or illustrations MUST NOT be repeated in the text. Restrict tables and figures to those needed to explain the argument of the paper and to assess its support. Use graphs as an alternative to tables with many entries. Do NOT duplicate data in graphs and tables.

4.1.6 Discussion [\(voltar\)](#)

The Discussion section should present the interpretation of the findings. This section is the appropriate section for subjective comments and comparison with other studies. Authors MUST NOT repeat what has already been reported in the Results section.

4.1.7 Conclusion [\(voltar\)](#)

The conclusion MUST be restricted to the main outcomes of the manuscript (results) and whether these data confirm or reject the study hypothesis. It MUST NOT contain overgeneralizations or recommendations.

4.1.8 Acknowledgments [\(voltar\)](#)

Collate acknowledgments in a separate section at the end of the article before the references and do not, therefore, include them on the title page, as a footnote to the title or otherwise. List here those individuals who provided help during the research (e.g., providing language help, writing assistance or proof reading the article, etc.).

Example:

The authors are grateful to XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX for content contributions, XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX for their critical review of the manuscript and the XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX for support during the development and writing of these manuscript.

4.1.9 Funding [\(voltar\)](#)

This study was partially or totally supported by XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX [grant numbers xxxx, yyyy]. If no funding has been provided for the research, please include the following sentence:

“This research did not receive any specific grant from funding agencies in the public, commercial, or not-for-profit sectors.”

4.1.10 Conflict of Interest [\(volar\)](#)

The authors have no proprietary, financial, or other personal interest of any nature or kind in any product, service, and/or company that is presented in this article.

4.1.11 Regulatory Statement [\(volar\)](#)

This study was conducted in accordance with all the provisions of the local human subjects oversight committee guidelines and policies of: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX. The approval code for this study is: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX.

4.2 Short Communications [\(volar\)](#)

- Short communication is a section dedicated to short papers addressing new ideas, controversial opinions, “Negative” results for example. As short Communications are short papers, they will receive priority and rapid publication, and each paper will begin with “Short Communication” followed by the title.
- Short Communications are limited to 3000 words. The structure of the main file must follow the same guide for original manuscripts above, however with minimal quantity of figures and tables. Please, go to Figures and Legends topic to observe the requirements for the files.

4.3 Review articles [\(volar\)](#)

4.3.1 Systematic Review and Meta-analysis: gather as much evidence as possible on a specific question and present the pooled findings together

The systematic review consists of: [\(volar\)](#)

- An Abstract using a structured format (Statement of Problem, Purpose, Material and Methods, Results, Conclusions)
- Text of the review consisting of an introduction (background and objective), methods (selection criteria, search methods, data collection and data analysis), results (description of studies, methodological quality, and results of analyses), discussion, authors’ conclusions, acknowledgments, funding, and conflicts of interest. References should be peer reviewed
- Tables and figures, if necessary, showing characteristics of the included studies, specification of the interventions that were compared, the results of the included studies, a log of the studies that were excluded, and additional tables and figures relevant to the review

- Statistical methods (meta-analysis) may or may not be used to analyze and summarize the results of included studies
- Must be thorough and reproducible
- Ideally include a hand-search and gray-literature search
- The review should cover the topic completely and be thoroughly referenced and maximum length 10 printed pages, approximately 33 typescript pages, including illustrations and tables
- An example of a Journal Systematic Review:
dos Santos, SHB.; Poletto-Neto, V.; de Queiroz, ABL.; Sarkis-Onofre, R.; Pereira-Cenci, T. Failure of miniscrews installed in maxilla and mandible: a systematic review and metaanalysis. *Brazilian Dental Science*, 2020,23(3):1-7.
<https://bds.ict.unesp.br/index.php/cob/article/view/2049/1534>

4.3.2 Narrative Literature Review: succinct summary of some literature. This type of manuscript needs invitation or approval by the editor-in-chief before submission. Authors interested in submitting to this section must contact the Editor-in-chief of *Brazilian Dental Science*, Dr. Sergio Gonçalves, at sergio.e.goncalves@unesp.br for submission approval and instructions. ([voltar](#))

4.3.3 Critical Review: These manuscripts should summarize information that is well known and emphasize recent developments over the last five years with a prominent focus on critical issues and concepts that add a sense of excitement to the topic being discussed. ([voltar](#))

4.3.4 State of the Art: update on new, reemerging, or in vogue topic. The author is advised to develop a systematic review in the Prisma style and format. For more information on systematic reviews, please see <https://www.equatornetwork.org/reporting-guidelines/prisma-scr> ([voltar](#))

4.4 Case Reports ([voltar](#))

Case reports will only be considered if they document new knowledge with unique, clinically relevant, challenging characteristics and illustrating unusual observations, showing potential non-obvious solutions to the clinical challenge. Exclusive diagnostic findings or diagnostic challenge of rare conditions. When describing a patient's case, accurate pre- and post-treatment records are needed that demonstrate excellence in their results, including a complete diagnostic evaluation, development and follow-up. Informed consent and approval from the ethics committee, properly documented in the article, is required so that the author can include details of the case, information or images of the patient in the publication.

- Title

- Abstract: (limited to 250 words. Next to the abstract, put 5 keywords in alphabetical order, these must be in accordance with <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/mesh>)
- Main text: Introduction, Case report, Discussion and Conclusion
- Acknowledgment, Funding, Regulatory Statement, Conflict of Interest
- References

We encourage authors to consult and follow the guidelines:

<https://www.equator-network.org/reporting-guidelines/care>

Patient Consent and Ethics: must be performed according to the [Declaration of the World Medical Association of Helsinki](#)

4.5 Clinical or Laboratorial Research (volar)

This section accepts clinical and laboratorial research manuscripts related to dentistry

5 For all kind of manuscript (4.1 to 4.5) (volar)

5.1 Figures and Legends (volar)

- The figures, tables and illustrations are embedded in the text, and also provided in separate files with the requested resolution
- Upload the figures as Supplementary Material (step 4 of the submission process at OJS)
- The tables must be in word format (including titles, description, footnotes)
- The figures must be in electronic file format JPG or TIFF
- The size of the file must be over 300 DPI, with minimum of 1200 pixels
- The dimension of the figures should be close to the desired dimensions of the published version
- The dimensions must be 17 X 11 cm or 8 X 5 cm



Figure 1 - Intraoral front view photograph of the patient's smile showing color changes in the ceramic veneer of the right maxillary central incisor.



Figure 1 - Intraoral front view photograph of the patient's smile showing color changes in the ceramic veneer of the right maxillary central incisor.

Figure 1 - Examples of recommended dimensions

- Number the figures according to their sequence in the text, use Arabic numerals
- Aim to use the following fonts in your figures: Arial, Courier, Times New Roman, Symbol, or use fonts that look similar
- Make sure that letters, numbers, and symbols added to figures are clear, in proportion to each other, and large enough to be legible in the publication
- Consider all illustrations as figures

- If a figure has been published previously, acknowledge the original source and submit written permission from the copyright holder to reproduce it
- If images of persons are used, obtain written permission prior to submission
- Give each figure a legend containing sufficient information to make it intelligible without reference to the text
- Type all the legends together, double-spaced, on separate page(s) at the end of the main manuscript file

5.2 References (volar)

- Articles published in peer-reviewed journals are preferably accepted as references. Manuscripts being in the writing process, master dissertations or doctorate thesis, and abstracts presented at conferences are not acceptable as references. Book references should be kept at the indispensable minimum as they show the opinions of the respective authors and/or editors. References to the most recent books with international access will only be accepted
- References must be numbered (numbers between squared brackets eg: [12]) as they appear in the text and must follow the Vancouver Reference System ([details may be found here](#))
- If there is the DOI add the complete URL in the reference

Examples as follows: (Abbreviations of the titles of international journals cited should follow [MEDLINE](#))

Costa TR, Ferreira SQ, Klein-Junior CA, Loguercio AD, Reis A. Durability of surface treatments and intermediate agents used for repair of a polished composite. Oper Dent. 2011 MarApr;35(2):231-7.
<https://doi.org/10.2341/09-216-L>

Knorst JK, Barriquello GS, Villetti MA, Santos RCV, Kantorski KZ. Antimicrobial effect of methylene blue formulations with oxygen carrier at different pHs: preliminary study. Braz Dent Sci. 2019;22(1):39-45.
<https://doi.org/10.14295/bds.2018.v22i1.1635>

Fimple JL, Fontana CR, Foschi F, Ruggiero K, Song X, Pagonis TC, et al. Photodynamic treatment of endodontic polymicrobial infection in vitro. J Endod. 2008 Jun;34(6):728-34.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.joen.2008.03.011>

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