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The Journal of Philosophy and Ethics in Health Care and Medicine.  
The Submission Guidelines (Revised in 2024)

(1) Eligibility

1. Membership in this association is required. However, this does not apply to manuscripts written at the request of another party (hereinafter referred to as “commissioned manuscripts”).

\* When submitting a paper, it is a general rule that not only the first author but also all co-authors must be members of this association. If any of the authors, including co-authors, are not members of this society at the time of submission, the submission will not be accepted.

2. Members must have paid their association dues in full at the time of submission.

(2) Types of Papers

1. Two types of papers will be accepted: “newly submitted papers” and “secondary publications of previously published papers.” In either case, the papers must be relevant to medical philosophy or medical ethics and suitable for publication in this international journal.

2. Newly submitted papers: Unpublished English papers will be accepted as newly submitted papers. The decision on whether to publish in this international journal will be made based on peer review (note that communication with authors regarding the results of the review will be conducted in Japanese as a general rule).

3. Secondary publications of previously published papers: We accept English translations of papers that have already been published in Japanese as peer-reviewed papers as secondary publications (“Secondary publications” may or may not have been published in this association's domestic journal). These must comply with this association's “Provisions on Acceptable Secondary Publications (「「許容される二次出版」の規程」 In Japanese).” In principle, no peer review will be conducted, but responses to comments related to the English translation may be required, and the final decision on publication will be made by the association.

4. Additional information: Both “newly submitted papers” and “secondary publications of previously published papers” must comply with the same “Guidelines for Authors,” and the deadline for manuscript submission is the same for both.

(3) Submissions

1. Newly submitted papers: Submit two files: an English manuscript (including abstract and keywords) and a file containing the author's name, affiliation, and contact information (email

address and postal address). If there are multiple authors, clearly indicate the corresponding author responsible for communication.

2. Papers for secondary publication of previously published papers: Refer to the “Guidelines for Authors” and submit the following three files: a file containing the bibliographic information of the previously published paper (author's name, paper title, journal name, publication year, publication location, information indicating that it was peer-reviewed, and permission from the journal for secondary publication), the file of the previously published paper corresponding to the primary publication, and a file containing the author's name, affiliation, and contact information (email address and postal address). If there are multiple authors, specify the corresponding author who will handle communications), and the above three files must be submitted.

3. All submitted manuscripts must undergo native checking. However, this does not apply to applicants whose native language is English.

Proof of native checking must be submitted in the form of supporting documents (such as a delivery note or a document signed by the person who conducted the checking).

4. Submissions after review or evaluation: For “newly submitted papers,” if revisions are required after review, the revised manuscript must be resubmitted. For “republished papers,” if revisions are required in the English translation, the revised manuscript must be resubmitted. Details will be provided as necessary.

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