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## AIMS AND SCOPE

Archivos de Bronconeumología is an international journal that publishes original studies whose content is based upon results of research initiatives dealing with several aspects of respiratory medicine including epidemiology, respiratory physiology, pathophysiology of respiratory diseases, clinical management, thoracic surgery, pediatric lung diseases, respiratory critical care, respiratory allergy and basic research. Other types of articles such as editorials, reviews, and different types of letters are also published in the journal. Additionally, the journal expresses the voice of the following scientific societies: the Spanish Respiratory Society of Pneumology and Thoracic Surgery (SEPAR; <https://www.separ.es/>), the Latin American Thoracic Society (ALAT; <https://alatorax.org/>), and the Iberian American Association of Thoracic Surgery (AIACT; <http://www.aiatorax.com/>).

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## SECTION A. ARTICLE TYPES

The journal publishes the following article types: editorials, pro/con debates, original articles, reviews, official position papers, clinical letters, scientific letters, discussion letters, and clinical images. All the manuscripts will be written fully in English. All manuscripts with no exceptions will have to be submitted via the online web system

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### Editorials.

**Content.** Editorials are articles that express the authors' opinion or position about a specific topic of interest, on the basis of scientific evidence, with regard to a specific and relevant aspect which is novel or controversial. Short reviews on a given topic will not be accepted under this article type, but articles that reflect the scientific opinion of an author who is an expert on the subject concerned. Editorials can be comments on articles published in the same issue of the journal, on an article previously published, or on other aspects of general interest to the scientific community that are not reflected in any other type of article types of the journal.

**Initiative.** The editorials will be explicitly commissioned by the editorial committee of the journal. In exceptional cases, the committee may consider the acceptance of unsolicited editorials on novel or controversial topics, submitted by authors with experience and publications in the topic in question. Authors are strongly encouraged to first contact the chief editor before submitting unsolicited editorials via <https://www.archbronconeumol.org/en-presubmission>

### Pro/con debates.

**Content.** Pro/con debates are composed of two coupled editorials with the same features, that will come published as one single article. These debates will help bringing different and opposite views on controversial aspects of respiratory medicine. Short reviews on a given topic will not be accepted under this article type, but articles that reflect the scientific opinion of two authors who are experts on the subject concerned.

**Initiative.** The pro/con debates will be explicitly commissioned by the editorial committee of the journal. In exceptional cases, the Committee may consider the acceptance of unsolicited editorials on novel or controversial topics, submitted by authors with experience and publications in the topic in question. Authors are strongly encouraged to first contact the chief

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## Original articles

**Content.** Original articles offer novel information as the result of novel research initiatives. The studies will show the results of research projects. All the information contained in the submitted articles will have to be original, and manuscripts reporting results previously reproduced in other journals will not be accepted for publication in the journal. In the accompanying cover letter (see below), the original nature of the manuscript contents will be made explicitly clear. Special manuscripts also considered as original articles include:

- Methodological articles: showing the study design of projects that are still under way, which should be clearly stated in the title of the manuscript.
- Systematic reviews as long as they follow the structure of an original article following a specific methodology with results as a consequence of this method.

When writing the articles, authors are advised to use the international guidelines for the report of health-related research results as referred to by the EQUATOR initiative (<http://www.equator-network.org/>) and all the guidelines within this initiative according to the research nature.

**Initiative.** Original articles are always submitted by the initiatives of the authors. There is no need of a previous contact with the chief editor to evaluate the convenience of the manuscript.

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**Content.** Narrative review articles are published as reviews. They cover a topic of interest that will be reviewed on the basis of an up-to-date and objective view extracted from the most relevant and recent publications dealing with the subject in question. The authors will not have to give their own view/opinion about the topic in question, but they will have to provide a summary of the state-of-the-art in an organized, structured, and adequate manner. Systematic reviews will be considered as original research articles, and the manuscript should follow the guidelines for these article types (see above).

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**Content.** This section will express the positioning of SEPAR, ALAT or AIAC scientific societies through guidelines, statements, and consensus reports. The publication will always be an English and will consist of an executive summary of a limited extension. The Spanish full-length guideline which will be available in the SEPAR, ALAT or AIAC webpages respectively.

**Initiative.** All manuscripts under this section will be submitted as any other manuscript type by initiative of the respective scientific society and once the final version of the document has been approved by the respective scientific society. An official approval from the scientific society must be uploaded with the manuscript. Therefore, there is no option to submit articles led by individual authors in this category without the approval of the scientific society.

## Letters

**Content.** The journal publishes three different types of letters depending on the content:

- Discussion Letters. This section will publish comments on results published in the journal or in other respiratory journals.
- Clinical letters. This section will publish isolated clinical cases or small group of cases in a descriptive manner that, due to their rarity or peculiarities, provide new information regarding a given disease or medical situation or therapy.
- Scientific letters. This section publishes the results of a research initiative of clinical, translational or epidemiological interest that can be expressed in brief form, such as preliminary studies or studies of an essentially descriptive nature or focused on very specific subjects.

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## Clinical images

**Content.** This section will consist of the publication of an endoscopic or pathological image or video clip, of special singularity as a result of the unusual clinical presentation of the underlying disease or diagnosis. The video clip will always be submitted in an .mp4 format and will not exceed 150 megabytes size.

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## SECTION B. FORMATTING THE MANUSCRIPT

### General instructions

**Files creation.** Files will be generated with a word processor. The text should be in single-column format. Keep the layout of the text as simple as possible. Most formatting codes will be removed and replaced on processing the article. In particular, do not use the word processor's options to justify text or to hyphenate words. However, do use bold face, italics, subscripts, superscripts, as needed. All the manuscripts submitted to the journal will have to include the following separate files: a cover letter, the authorship page and the main text file. Additionally, the authors may include figures or videos and online supplemental materials, as needed.

**Margins, font and size.** The font, spacing or margins are free, as long as the document does not exceed the number of words allowed for each type of article. However, an indicative reference would be to use margins of at least 2.5 cm, Arial, Times New Roman, Calibri or similar font, with a size of 11 points and double spacing. It is advisable to use the same font and spacing throughout the whole manuscript including all the text, the tables, the figure captions and the references.

**Clear writing.** Authors are always asked to write scientifically in a clear and concise manner. Long subordinate clauses and one- or two-sentence paragraphs are not recommended.

**Abbreviations.** Abbreviations are allowed as long as these rules are followed:

- It is recommended to reduce them to the minimum possible to make the document easily legible.
- As a general rule, it is not justifiable to abbreviate one-word concepts (e.g. bronchiectasis).
- They must always be defined the first time they are used, indicating the abbreviation in parentheses just after having mentioned the concept for the first time in the text.
- Abbreviations must be defined again in the abstract of the article and in the footers of tables and figures.
- Once defined, they should be used frequently throughout the rest of the manuscript. Otherwise, it is better not to define abbreviations that will not be used later.

**Units of measurement.** Follow internationally accepted rules and conventions: use the international system of units. If other units are mentioned, please give their equivalent in the international system of units.

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All manuscripts will have to include a short cover letter. This is a letter addressed to the editor-in-chief of the journal in which the authors formally request the publication of their manuscript. Authors must specify that they want to publish their manuscript in the journal, including the title of the manuscript and the section in which they wish to publish it. Additionally, in this letter, the authors must explain in a few words what is new about what they want to publish or what is their contribution to knowledge about its content.

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- The type or article
- The title
- The list of authors with their affiliations
- The contact details for the corresponding author. Only one corresponding author is allowed.

Some article types have limitations in the number of authors (see table below). All authors must have contributed substantially to obtaining the results and preparation of the manuscript in accordance with ICMJE criteria (<http://www.icmje.org/>).

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- **List of researchers.** If authors are submitting a manuscript on behalf of a research group, this should be acknowledged here including the name of the group (if any) together with a full list of researchers and their affiliations.

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### **Abstract.**

If the article type format requires an abstract (see the table below), the first page of this file will have the title of the manuscript followed by the abstract on the same page. Instructions on whether or not this abstract should be structured as well as its extension can be found in the table below. The original articles must include a structured abstract with the following sections:

objectives, methods, results, and conclusions. After the abstract 3 to 6 keywords separated by semicolons should be listed.

**Manuscript text.**

It is mandatory that the authors respect the instructions regarding text extensions summarized in the table below.

**Editorials.** Editorials will be structured at the discretion of the authors with no headings.

**Pro/con debates.** In this type of article, the pro position will be presented first, followed by the con position. Each position will be defended by a single author. In the authorship, the pro position will be listed as the first author and the con position as the second author, with a note indicating that both authors have contributed equally. The manuscript structure comprises the following sections: introduction, the pro position, the con position, and a final section of conclusions agreed upon by both authors. There is no space for rebuttal. The text is collaboratively developed and agreed upon by both authors.

**Original research articles.** Starting from a new page, the main text of the manuscript will be included. The structure of the main text will be according to the type of article and is summarized in the table below. In the original articles it will be structured in the following sections: introduction, methods, results, and discussion, where the discussion section must have one final paragraph of conclusions.

**Reviews and official documents of scientific societies.** The reviews and the societies voices articles will be structured at the discretion of the authors.

**Scientific Letters.** Other types of manuscripts should not be structured by sections.

Specifically, a scientific letter should consist of unsectioned text, divided into paragraphs as follows: the first paragraph provides the justification and objectives, the second paragraph describes the method, the third and fourth paragraphs present the results, and the remaining paragraphs focus on the discussion, concluding with a final paragraph of conclusions.

**Clinical letters.** These consist of unsectioned text, divided into paragraphs as follows: the first paragraph provides the justification, the second paragraph describes the clinical case, and the third paragraph focuses on the discussion.

**Discussion letters.** These will be structured at the discretion of the authors with no headings.

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Please submit tables as editable text and not as images. Tables can be placed either next to the relevant text in the article, or on separate pages at the end. Number tables consecutively in accordance with their appearance in the text and place any table notes below the table body. Be sparing in the use of tables and ensure that the data presented in them do not duplicate results described elsewhere in the article. Please avoid using vertical rules and shading in table cells.

#### **References**

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## Summary

Type	Authors	Abstract	Text words	Figures/tables	References
Editorial	3	No	Unstructured 1000 words	1	15
Pro/con	2	No	Structured 2000 words	2	20
Original	Unlimited	Structured 250 words	Structured 3000 words	6/6	40
Review	6	Unstructure d 250 words	Structured 3000 words	6	Unlimited

Type	Authors	Abstract	Text words	Figures/tables	References
Societies voices	Unlimited	Unstructured 250 words	Structured 8000 words	6/6	Unlimited
Scientific letters	15 If more, contact	No	Unstructured 1500 words	2	20
Discussion letters	3	No	Unstructured 500 words	1	5
Clinical letters	3	No	Unstructured 500 words	1	5
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### Submission

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- Substantial contributions to the conception or design of the work; or the acquisition, analysis, or interpretation of data for the work.
- Drafting the work or revising it critically for important intellectual content
- Final approval of the version to be published
- Accountability for all aspects of the work, ensuring that questions related to the accuracy or integrity of any part of the work are appropriately investigated and resolved.

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