



# Undergraduate Writing Competition Guidelines for Authors

Are you a dental undergraduate with a compelling clinical case to share? The *Dental Update* Undergraduate Writing Prize is your opportunity to have your work published in a leading journal and gain recognition for your writing skills. For the first *Dental Update Award*, we are seeking entries for the best presentation of a clinical case by an undergraduate.

**The competition is open to ALL dental school undergraduate GDC groups.**

## Type of articles

The entry should be a clinical report of a

Articles should be no longer than approximately 2500 words (not including the references).

Submissions should be well illustrated and good quality images will be necessary. All entries will be peer reviewed.

## Editorial and publishing policies

Full details of the policies in place can be found at:

[www.magonlinelibrary.com/page/authors/policies](http://www.magonlinelibrary.com/page/authors/policies)

### Authorship

*Dental Update* follows the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE) outline of responsibilities in the submission and peer-review process.

### Consent

Please ensure that you have documented consent for the use of photographs and any personal information about patients that has been included.

### Conflict of interests and funding

The author is required to declare upon submission whether they have any financial

interests or connections, direct or indirect, that might compromise the perception of the authors as impartial, or would embarrass the journal if they were to come to light after publication and had not been declared. Such financial interests might include commercial or other sources of funding for the author(s) or associated department(s) or organization(s), personal relationships, or direct academic competition.

A declaration of conflict of interest should be included with the manuscript on submission. If there is no conflict of interest to declare, this should be stated.

### Compliance with Ethical Standards

On publication the following text appears:

Conflict of Interest: The author declares that they have no conflict of interest.

This means that the authors have made a declaration to this effect.

Informed Consent: Informed consent was obtained from all individual participants included in the article.

This means that there is documented consent for the use of photographs and any personal information about patients that has been included. Where photographs identify a patient, there is documented consent for the publication of the picture.

## Manuscript preparation

All manuscripts should have the following essential elements:

- A generic heading, such as Restorative Dentistry or Orthodontics;
- Article title;
- Author;
- Author details to include: name and dental school of attendance;
- A concise abstract giving a

summary of the article of approximately 100 words;

- A single-sentence clinical relevance statement;
- A single-sentence objectives statement;
- A conflicts of interest statement disclosing any financial or personal relationships that could be a source of bias;
- A statement that informed consent has been given for the use of any images or personal information for individuals included in the article. Where appropriate, institutional review board approval must have been obtained.

Please supply a Microsoft Word file or equivalent. If you are not using Microsoft Word, please save the document as an ASCII or text file. The document can be in any format or layout that will be easily read by reviewers when evaluating your manuscript. To maintain anonymity during the review process, author identification should appear only on the title page.

### Figures and tables

Figures and tables, and their captions, should be embedded at the point of citation in the initial submission and need only be of high enough resolution for reviewing purposes.

Please ensure that all figures and tables are cited in the text.

If permission to reproduce figures or tables is required from a copyright holder, please seek it before submission, and include a full reference to the source in the caption.

## Other points to note are:

- Tooth annotation should use the alphanumeric style (eg LR2).
- Generic names for drugs or products should be used, with, if pertinent, the

proprietary name and manufacturer's details in brackets. For more than one brand, give those you believe to be the most widely used.

- References should be in the Vancouver style (numbered sequentially with the numbers placed **outside** punctuation). Only published (or in press) references should appear in the reference list. When an article is accepted, references will be checked and formatted to the *Dental Update* style. Some examples are as follows:
  1. Edelhoff D, Sorensen JA. Tooth structure removal associated with various preparation designs for anterior teeth. *J Prosthet Dent* 2002; **87**: 503–509. <https://doi.org/10.1067/mpr.2002.124094>.
  2. World Health Organization. Mental health and psychosocial considerations during the COVID-19 outbreak. 2020. Available at: [www.who.int/publications/i/item/WHO-2019-nCoV-MentalHealth-2020.1](http://www.who.int/publications/i/item/WHO-2019-nCoV-MentalHealth-2020.1) (accessed March 2024).

### Manuscript submission

When your manuscript is ready, please send it by email to the editorial office

with the subject line 'Dental Update writing competition'. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with the editorial office if you have any queries.

### Peer review and acceptance

All entries will be initially assessed by the Editorial Director for their suitability. If deemed suitable, articles will undergo rigorous double anonymized peer review by experts in the field.

All entries will be acknowledged and authors will be informed once a decision has been made.

### Winning entry proofs

Proofs will be sent to authors for approval. Authors are asked to return any corrections within a few days. A revised proof will be sent for a further check.

### After publication

Authors receive a high-resolution pdf of the published article and a copy of the journal. Authors of entries selected for publication will receive a subscription to *Dental Update*

and the winning author will receive a cash prize.

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