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The WHO South-East Asia Journal of Public Health (WHO-SEAJPH) is a peer-reviewed, indexed, open access quarterly publication of the World Health Organization Regional Office for South-East Asia. The Journal will provide an avenue to scientists for publication of original research work so as to facilitate use of research for public health action.

The scope of the Journal is broad. Original research articles are invited on public health, primary health care, epidemiology, health administration, health systems, health economics, health promotion, public health nutrition, communicable and non-communicable diseases, maternal and child health, occupational and environmental health, social and preventive medicine which have potential to promote evidence-based public health action in the South-East Asia Region. The Journal will also include editorial, commentaries, perspectives, state of the art reviews, research briefs, policy and practice, reports from the field, public health classics, letters to the editor and book reviews.

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All manuscripts submitted to WHO-SEAJPH are initially screened by editorial panel for scope, relevance and scientific quality. Suitable manuscripts are sent for peer review anonymously. Recommendations of at least two reviewers are considered by the editorial team for making a decision on a manuscript. Accepted manuscripts are edited for language, style, length etc. before publication. Authors must seek permission from the copyright holders for use of copyright material in their manuscripts.

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Guidelines for contributors

The manuscript should be original which has neither been published nor is under consideration for publication in any substantial form in any other publication. All published manuscripts are the property of the World Health Organization.

The manuscript should be typed in double space (including references) using 12 point font with at least one inch margin on all sides. Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts submitted to Biomedical Journals should be consulted for preparing the manuscript (<http://www.icmje.org>). All articles should mention how human and animal ethical aspects of the study have been addressed. Identifying details should be omitted, if they are not essential, as WHO-SEAJPB follows a double blind peer review process. When reporting an experiment on human subjects indicate whether the procedures followed were in accordance with the revised Helsinki Declaration (<http://www.wma.net>).

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Editorial: About 750 words on a topical issue of public health importance; may include up to five references.

Perspectives: A short essay expressing a point of view with arguments in about 1500 words on a contentious issue of public health importance for the Region; may include up to 10 references.

Reviews: Covering a subject of public health relevance in the Region including systematic review/meta-analysis in about 3000 words. Can have up to 50 references, three to four tables/figures and an unstructured abstract of 250 words.

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Voices: A short narrative of about 750 words presenting human face/story related to a health event.

Letters to the Editor: Communications of about 500 words from readers, raising an issue on articles published in the Journal, published along with a response from the author.

Book reviews: 500-word critical look at relevant books.

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