

# **GUIDELINES FOR AUTHORS**

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Large Animal Review is a bimonthly magazine published by SIVAR (Italian Association of Farm Animal Practitioners) for scientific updating of veterinarians who deal with livestock with particular reference to cattle, pigs, sheep and goats, but also with other species like poultry and rabbit, fish and wild animals, and for the control of animal product supply chains. The main topics in the magazine are those of clinical and therapeutic intervention and those of surgical intervention and prevention, including the systems of health investigation and management, feeding problems that affect the health status of farm animals, and the veterinary interventions in the food chain with a "from the farm to the table" and "from the table to the farm" approach. The manuscripts must have the necessary scientific rigor and a content of practical application in order to bring information immediately available to the veterinarian, the main recipient of the disclosure. From this point of view it is desirable that among the authors there are currently practicing veterinarians (self-employed veterinarian authors, sanitary employees or industry veterinarians) alongside academic authors, and authors from research institutions.

## MANUSCRIPTS

Large Animal Review publishes manuscripts in the form of review, original articles and case reports. Unless there are special agreements with the editor, the manuscripts must comply with the features below.

Review - This is a complete coverage of a specific topic accompanied by a detailed and updated bibliography. Generally they are requested by the publisher for scholars with an excellent, recognized competence in a given topic. The text should not have more than 48.000 characters (including spaces) and not be accompanied by more than 15 figures or

Original article - This is an original manuscript in a short or long form that report clinical, therapeutic and diagnostic experiences, study methods, laboratory investigations, breeding, nutrition and health management methodologies in farms, etc. that present elements of novelty and scientific interest. The full text article should not exceed 32.000 characters (including spaces) and should not be accompanied by more than 10 figures or tables. We welcome manuscripts in the form of short articles with a maximum of 16.000 characters and no more than 4 figures or tables.

Case report - This is a clinical case of a single animal or a herd clinical case. Case report must not exceed 10.000 characters (including spaces) and no more than 4 figures or tables.

#### FORMAT

All works (review, original articles and case reports) must have the following structure:

Language - Italian or English.

Title - The title of the work has to be short and explicative and written on the front page together with full names of the authors, the addresses of the institutions at which the work was carried out, full postal and email address and telephone numbers of the corresponding author to whom correspondence about the manuscript should be sent. In case of manuscripts written in Italian the title must also be translated into English.

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Body text - The manuscript of the original articles must show the following outline: introduction, materials and methods, results, discussion, conclusions, acknowledgments and bibliography. In case of reviews an outline is not expected but the topic must be treated in a complete way and divided into chapters to make it as clear as possible.

The text should be written using 12 point Times New Roman. All margins should be at least 20 mm, single spacing and cannot exceed the number of characters (including spaces) indicated in the previous section for each type of manuscript. **Tables and figures** - Tables and figures (graphs, drawings and images) should be numbered with Arabic numerals and be accompanied with concise but sufficiently detailed titles or captions, in a way that is comprehensible without having to make reference to the text. Tables and figures, unless otherwise agreed with the editors or in special cases (e.g. photographic documentation) should be the maximum number specified in the previous paragraph.

References - The references must be selected by the authors (preferably not more than 15 except in a review) and should be referenced in the text with a serial number in round brackets and listed in the same numerical order in the bibliography.

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Two references are shown as an example:

- 1. Galey FD, R. Terra, R. Walker, J. Adaska, Etchebarne MA, B. Puschner, E. Fisher, RH Whitlock, T. Rocke, Willoughby D., Tor E. (2000) Type C botulism in dairy cattle from feed contamined with a dead cat. J Vet Diagn Invest 12: 204-209.
- 2. Gustafson D.P. (1986) Pseudorabies. In: Diseases of swine, Ed Dunn HW, 5th ed., 274-289, Iowa State University Press, Ames, IA.

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