

Chiba Medical Journal

Instructions for Authors

1. Aims and scope

The Chiba Medical Journal is issued by the Chiba Medical Society, based at Chiba University, as an academic journal to publish outcomes of basic and clinical studies for medical life sciences.

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We publish original articles (including short communications), case reports, review articles, lectures and essays. Articles that have been previously published or are under consideration for publication elsewhere will not be accepted.

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A list of 5 key words or phrases should be provided.

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