

### **Outline specifications for Review Articles for Human Reproduction Update**

The journal publishes peer reviewed papers from invited authors covering all areas of human reproduction and including papers on either clinical medicine or reproductive sciences. Research groups are also invited to submit proposals for papers (Abstract and Table of Contents) for consideration by the Editor-in-Chief and Associate Editors (see Editorial HRU, 2002, 8 p199). Papers fulfilling the following criteria are sought.

- Comprehensive and authoritative articles.
- The general format is 6000–8000 words of text, 2–3 tables, 2–3 figures and 200–300 references. Submissions exceeding this length will not be sent for peer review.
- An abstract of less than 200 words is needed.
- We would prefer the literature review to be systematic, if possible, and the search criteria stated.
- Special care should be taken regarding the overall flow and readability of the paper.
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