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1. Manuscript and Floppy Disk to be Submitted

1) Submit four typed, double-spaced manuscripts with 1 inch (2.5cm) margins (1 original and 3 copies, including figures and tables).

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1) The order of the manuscript should be:

title page, abstract and key words, text, references, tables, legends, and figures.

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3) All manuscripts must be covered with a title page, including the title (within 25 words), type of article, and an abbreviated title (within 10 words) for use as a running title, and

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In the case of full-length papers, the following format is recommended:

1. ABSTRACT

Briefly state a summary of the text, within 250 words, as a structured abstract (with heading Purpose, Materials and Methods, Results, Conclusion).

2. INTRODUCTION

1) Clearly and briefly describe the background and the rational objective of the study, with a review of earlier publications.

2) It is recommended that previous studies described should be the most relevant. Avoid exhaustive review of the literature.

3. MATERIALS AND METHODS / CASE HISTORY

1) Clearly describe the subjects and sample size, the experimental procedures, and apparatus (manufacturer's name and address) used in the study.

2) In the case of experiments on human and animal subjects, give an account that the methods are regarded as ethically sound.

3) In the event of an original design, the details should be provided. Otherwise, references accompanied by sufficient information for interdisciplinary evaluation will suffice.

4) The type of statistical analysis used, as well as commercial software, must be stated in this section.

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6) Describe precisely all drugs and chemicals used, including generic names, doses, and routes of administration.

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1) Present the essential results in the text, in a clear and concise manner.

2) Use tables and figures to compare and contrast the findings.

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1) Demonstrate the objective reliability of the results, as well as the property and limitation of the experimental procedures and subjects used.

2) Point out the significance and the limitation of the study, including implications for future research.

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6) Link the conclusions with the objectives of the study, as stated in the introduction.

6. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Acknowledgments, a scientific meeting at which the data were presented, the sources of funding for the study, and/or any other special mention, may be stated before the Reference section.

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1) References in the text should be referred to by a superscript number in a single parenthesis after the name, such as “Tanaka³), Kawazoe et al. 4,5),have previously been demonstrated 20–24).”

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4) The list should be in the order in which the references are mentioned, such as:
7) Beresin VE, Schiesser FJ. The neutral zone in complete dentures. J Prosthet Dent 36: 356–357, 1976.

8) Shillingberg HT, Hobo S, Whitsett LD et al. Fundamentals of fixed prosthodontics, 3rd ed. 155–169, 211–223, Chicago: Quintessence, 1997.

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3. Each table should be on a separate sheet, with double-space typing, and numbered consecutively.

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