

JOURNAL OF THE AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY OF AEROSPACE MEDICINE INFORMATION FOR AUTHORS

The Journal of the Australasian Society of Aerospace Medicine (JASAM) is published annually by the Australasian Society of Aerospace Medicine (ASAM). Contributions are welcome at any time during the year.

Types of Papers

JASAM welcomes contributions on any aspect of aerospace medicine, including the following types of article.

Research Articles present the results of experimental or descriptive studies with suitable statistical analysis of the results. They should contain the following sections: Introduction, Aim, Methods, Results, Discussion, and Conclusion.

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Requirements for Manuscripts

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Manuscripts submitted to the journal should contain the following elements.

The title page should contain the title, list the names and qualifications of all authors as well as the position and institutional address at the time of submission. One author

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Units of measure. Système International (SI) units should be used throughout; however, altitude may be expressed in feet as per the convention in aviation.

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