



## Author Guidelines (*Ger. J. Vet. Res.*)

### DESCRIPTION

The German Journal of Veterinary Research is an international, scientific, peer-reviewed journal on veterinary research published quarterly online by GMPC, The German Multidisciplinary Publishing Center. The journal publishes high quality and novel research and review articles focusing on all topics related to animal health, infectious diseases, and veterinary medicine. The ***Ger. J. Vet. Res.*** covers all aspects of research on domesticated vertebrate animals (livestock, companion animals, fur-bearing animals, game, poultry, and fish) that supply food, other useful products, or companionship. Research topics related to laboratory animals and animal models of human infections are considered. The ***Ger. J. Vet. Res.*** will also consider research on wild animals living in captivity if the infections are of interest due to their interrelation with humans (zoonoses) and domestic animals. The journal will accept all types of articles and have no restrictions on the manuscripts' length; however, the text should be concise and comprehensive. All manuscripts are peer-reviewed, and a first decision provided to authors approximately three weeks after submission. Submitted manuscripts to the ***Ger. J. Vet. Res.*** journal should neither be published previously nor be under consideration for publication in another journal and website. Authors must use our **Microsoft Word templates** to prepare their manuscripts.

### Aims and scope

The German Journal of Veterinary Research (***Ger. J. Vet. Res.***) is an open access, peer-reviewed journal considering different articles types on all aspects of veterinary science and medicine. Research fields of interest include but are not limited to microbiology and infectious diseases, clinical studies on veterinary medicine, biochemistry, pharmacology and toxicology, anatomy and physiology, genetics, and molecular biology. The journal has a great interest in papers of high quality and novelty on aspects of epidemiology, pathogenesis, host response, antimicrobial resistance, zoonoses, control, prevention, and treatment, and vaccine development of microbial diseases of animals.

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Preliminary studies are not acceptable to the journal. Case reports will be published if they contain novel aspects. Papers of geographically limited interest will not be considered because the readership of the ***Ger. J. Vet. Res.*** is global. Papers will be rejected if standards of care or procedures performed on animals are not up to those expected of human and veterinary scientists. The standards must meet the International Guiding Principles for Biomedical Research involving Animals, as issued by the Council

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## Types of Paper

1. Original Research Paper
2. Review Article
3. Short Communication
4. Case Report
5. Letters to the Editor

Original research articles should discuss the results of the original work. The experiment must not have been previously published elsewhere. Articles must be as concise as possible. They should not occupy more than 15 printed journal pages, including figures, tables, and references, as a general rule (maximum 4000 words, Arial 10 pt, single-spaced, minimum 2 cm margins). The number of references is limited to 50. The authors must use the **Microsoft Word template** to prepare their manuscripts.

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## Cover Letter

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