

Instructions for authors

Submission checklist

Before submitting your manuscript, please ensure the following:

1. Read the journal's aims and scope to evaluate whether your manuscript is suitable for publication.
2. Used the appropriate Microsoft Word submission template for manuscript preparation.
3. You have properly considered publication ethics, research ethics, copyright, authorship, figure formatting, as well as data and reference formatting.
4. The article must be original, meaning it has not been previously published nor is it under consideration by another journal or publication.
5. All authors have approved the submitted manuscript content and have thoroughly read the Instructions for Authors.

General overview of manuscript submission

Types of publications

Full experimental information must be provided to ensure that the results can be reproduced. Cátedra Villarreal Posgrado requires authors to publish all relevant experimental controls and, when possible, make complete datasets available.

Manuscripts submitted to Cátedra Villarreal Posgrado must not have been previously published or be under review by another journal.

The main types of accepted articles are described below. Please note that not all article types are available for every discipline.

- **Editorial:** non-peer-reviewed texts used to announce relevant events, such as the launch of a new journal or section, the appointment of a new Editor-in-Chief, the opening or closure of a special issue, or for presenting invited editorials. For editorials introducing a new journal, a brief biography of the Editor-in-Chief may be included.
- **Research article:** original research manuscripts. The study must present a solid scientific foundation, report rigorous experiments, and provide a substantial contribution of new information. It should also include the most updated and relevant references in the field. The article structure must include the following sections: Abstract, Keywords, Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results, Discussion, Conclusions, optionally Recommendations, and References.
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- Short communication: brief articles presenting innovative preliminary results or significant findings that are part of a larger, long-term study. They may also include cutting-edge methods or experiments, as well as the development of new technologies or materials. The structure is similar to that of a standard research article.

Submission process

Manuscripts for Cátedra Villarreal Posgrado must be submitted exclusively through the [journal's platform](#). The author responsible for submission, usually the corresponding author, will manage the manuscript throughout the peer review and evaluation process.

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Autores should use the Microsoft Word [submission template](#) for manuscript preparation. Using this template significantly reduces editing and publication time after acceptance. The total file size submitted should not exceed 120 MB. If it does, please contact the Editorial Committee at: revista.eupg@unfv.edu.pe.

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However, all manuscripts must include the following sections: Información del autor / Author information, Abstract, Keywords, Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results, Discussion, Conclusions, References, Figures and tables with appropriate captions and notes, Funding information, Author contributions, Conflict of interest statement, other relevant ethical statements.

References must follow [APA 7 style](#). Mandatory information includes: author's name, publication year, article or chapter title (if applicable), journal or book title, volume, issue (if applicable), and page range. Including the DOI is strongly encouraged. Using reference managers such as EndNote, Zotero, Mendeley, or Reference Manager is highly recommended.

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1. Full names of the authors and their current positions.
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Manuscript preparation

General considerations

Articles must include the following elements:

- **Title page:** Should contain the article title, the complete list of authors, their respective institutional affiliations, the abstract, and keywords.
- **Article sections:** The manuscript should be structured into the following main sections: Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results, Discussion, Conclusions, optional Recommendations, and References.
- **Supplementary Material:** Any supplementary data or materials (if applicable).

Acronyms, abbreviations, and initialisms must be defined the first time they appear in each of the following: the abstract, the main text, and the first figure or table. When first defined, the acronym or abbreviation should follow the full term in parentheses.

Use of SI (International System of Units) is required. Imperial, U.S. customary, and other traditional units must be converted to SI units whenever possible.

Title Page

- **Title:** The title must be concise, specific, and relevant. It should clearly reflect the study's content. Abbreviated titles or alternate headers should not be included, as they will be removed by the Editorial Committee.
- **Author List and Affiliations:** Include the full names (first and last) of all authors. Middle name initials may be added if desired. Affiliations must include the institution, city, and country. At least one corresponding author must be designated, and their email address must be provided. The email addresses of all authors will be visible in the published article; therefore, the corresponding author is responsible for obtaining consent from each co-author. If a co-author prefers not to display their email, this must be communicated during the review process. Once the manuscript is accepted, changes to author names or affiliations will not be permitted. Important: Generative Artificial Intelligence tools (GenAI) and Large Language Models (LLMs) cannot be listed as authors, as they do not meet the authorship criteria established by Cátedra Villarreal Posgrado.
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structured abstract: Objective: State the purpose of the study; Method: Briefly describe the methodology, mentioning the sample and the type of instrument used; Results: Summarize the key findings of the study; Conclusion: Present the main conclusions or their interpretation. The abstract must accurately reflect the article's content, without including unsupported data or overstating the findings.

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Preparation of figures, diagrams, and tables

Resolution, color, and format

- Figures and diagrams must be submitted in a single compressed (.zip) file in PNG, JPEG, or TIFF formats, with a minimum recommended resolution of 600 dpi.
- It is recommended to prepare color graphics using RGB mode at 8 bits per channel.
- Images must be static and must not contain editable elements. Combine graphic elements when necessary to avoid formatting errors.
- All table columns must have clear and descriptive headers. For extensive tables, reduced font size is allowed (no smaller than 8 pt). Tables must be created using Microsoft Word's "Table" tool to ensure they are editable and easily formatted during the production process.

Order of appearance

- Insert all figures, diagrams, and tables within the text, as close as possible to their first mention. Number each item sequentially: Figure 1, Diagram 1, Table 1, Figure 2, etc.

Technical and Visual Content

- Figures must use appropriate mathematical symbols (e.g., hyphens "-" instead of em dashes "—", and decimal points "." instead of commas ","). Avoid unnecessary marks

such as wavy underlines or abrupt line breaks. Characters must be legible and not obscured by graphical elements.

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For non-interventional studies (e.g., surveys, social media, etc.), anonymity must be guaranteed, and participants must be informed of the purpose and potential risks of the research.

If ethical approval is not required, a statement must be included justifying the exemption with the corresponding legal or institutional basis, including the name of the committee granting the exemption.

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