

# Current Research in Translational Medicine

## Guide for authors — May 2023

*Current Research in Translational Medicine*, previously *Pathologie Biologie*, is an online quarterly publication dedicated to hematology, immunology, infectiology, hematopoietic cell transplantation, and both cellular and gene therapy.

The journal publishes English-language editorials, original articles, reviews, and short reports including case-reports. Contributions are intended to draw attention to experimental medicine and translational research. *Current Research in Translational Medicine* periodically publishes thematic issues and is indexed in all major international databases.

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edition. N Engl J Med on 1997; 336: 309-16).

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1 Linet MS, Hatch EE, Kleinerman RA, Robinson LL, Kaune WT, Friedman DR, et al. Residential exposure to magnetic fields and acute lymphoblastic leukemia in children. *New Engl J Med* 1997;337:1-7.

##### **Article from a supplement to a volume**

2 Poehlman ET, Toth MJ, Fonong T. Exercice, substrate utilization and energy requirements in the elderly. *Int J Obesity* 1995;19 Suppl 4: 93-6.

##### **Book with author(s)**

3 Béressniak A, Duru G. *Économie de la santé*. Paris:Masson; 1995.

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4 Felig P, Baxter J, Frohman L, eds. *Endocrinology and metabolism*. New York: McGraw Hill; 1995.

##### **Book chapter**

5 Matthews DE, Battezzati A. Substrate kinetics and catabolic hormones. In: Kinney JM, Tucker HN, eds. *Organ metabolism and nutrition*. New York: Raven Press; 1994. p. 1-22.

##### **Congress report**

6 Gammie RB, Kaye SV. Indoor air and human health. Proceedings of the 7th Life Sciences Symposium, 1984 Oct. 29-31; Knoxville (TN), Chelsea (MI): Lewis; 1985. p. 69-78.

##### **Thesis**

7 Felig P. *Endocrinology and metabolism* [thesis]. Grenoble University; 1997. p. 1-153.

##### **Electronic format**

8 Morse SS. Factors in the emergence of infectious diseases. *Emerg Infect Dis* [serial online] 1995 Jan-Mar [cited 1996 Jun 5];1: [24 screens]. Available from: URL: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/EID/eid.htm>

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