

Mini-reviews in the *International Endodontic Journal*

Dear Colleagues,

In an age of information overload, we are eager for the *International Endodontic Journal (IEJ)* to provide timely, informative and illustrated review articles to help our scientific and clinical readers.

Traditional narrative reviews have largely been replaced by a more systematic approach with defined search strategies and a clear research question. Large topics can, however, become difficult to manage and result in articles, which may be unwieldy, unfocussed and difficult to digest.

For this reason, we are approaching colleagues who have published in or served the *IEJ* with notice that we would like to encourage the submission of mini review articles.

Such articles will be expected to lack nothing in terms of academic rigour and should have the following features:

Subject matter: Clinical, scientific or methodological topics related to Endodontology in its broadest terms.

Focus: Authors must clearly state the question their review will address and justify the need for their review article.

Search strategy: A clearly defined search strategy must be included – databases, keywords, time limitations.

Structure:

- Introduction to justify the review.
- Clear narrative with no more than five figures and tables.
- A limit of 3000–4000 words, including references and figure legends.
- Clear conclusions/recommendations or calls to action for further work.

Detailed guidelines for authors are on the *IEJ* website. I hope this new initiative provides a real service to the dental/endodontic community and look forward to receiving your articles. Please do contact me directly if you would like to discuss any proposals.

Yours sincerely,

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