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The first page is the title page, which must clearly state that the submitted article is an "Original article" and include titles, and the name and affiliation of each author. Include the address, name, telephone number, fax number, and email address of corresponding author at the bottom of the title page. Follow the example shown below for the title, author names, and affiliations:

Susceptibility gene for non-obstructive azoospermia in the HLA class II region: correlations with Y chromosome microdeletion and spermatogenesis.

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Journal.

Shi Y, Yoshihara F, Nakahama H, et al.: A novel immunosuppressant FTY720 ameliorates proteinuria and alterations of intrarenal adrenomedullin in rats with autoimmune glomerulonephritis. *Regulatory Peptides* 127: 233-238, 2005.

Book.

Katz DH: *Lymphocyte Differentiation, Recognition, and Regulation*. New York, Academic Press, 1997

Chapter in a book.

Tongio M, Abbal M, Bignon JD, et al. ASH#18 : HLA-DPB1.

Charron D (ed): *Genetic diversity of HLA Functional and Medical Implication*. Paris, EDK, 1997

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Main text

- Short communications and case reports do not require an abstract.
- After the second page, follow the same guidelines for the third and subsequent pages of original articles as described.

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