GUIDELINES FOR REVIEWERS

ABSTRACT
  Is the purpose of the paper stated?
  If a study, is the goal stated?
  Are the methods used summarized?
  Are the main conclusions outlined?

INTRODUCTION
  Is the purpose expanded on?
  Has the important literature in the area been reviewed?
  If a study, have the goals been expanded on?
  If a case report, have the reasons for presenting the case been explained?

MATERIALS AND METHODS (FOR RESEARCH STUDIES)
  Have the methods and materials been satisfactorily explained?
  Are they appropriate for achieving the stated goal?
  Have ethical standards for conducting human and animal research been maintained?
  Are techniques of data analysis outlined and proper?

RESULTS (FOR RESEARCH STUDIES)
  Have the results been presented in a clear, easy-to-understand fashion?
  If not included, would tables or graphs be useful?

CASE PRESENTATION (FOR CASE REPORTS)
  Is the case presented clearly and succinctly?
  Is all pertinent data, such as laboratory and pathology, included?
  Do the laboratory results and clinical description concur with the stated diagnosis?
  Is the treatment appropriate?

DISCUSSION
  If a research study, does the discussion appropriately discuss the results in light of the stated problem?
  If a case report, are the implications and relevance of the case discussed?

CONCLUSION
  Are the conclusion and recommendations substantiated by the results or evidence presented?

GENERAL
  Are references appropriate in number and variety?
  Is there evidence of plagiarism?
  Is the paper of sufficient interest and quality to justify publication?