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## 2. Copyrights

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### 3-1. Examples of Subject Areas

Formulation design/stability testing of generic medicines

Biological equivalence testing of generic medicines

Efficacy/safety of generic medicines

Value added for generic medicines

Industrialization of generic medicines

Manufacture/quality control of generic medicines

Assessment of generic medicines at medical institutions

Reporting on discussions by manufacturers on the basis of assessments by medical institutions

Requests for generic medicines from medical institutions

Various issues associated with the introduction of generic medicines into hospitals

Current status of the use of generic medicines at hospitals and associated problems

Supply/distribution of generic medicines and provision of information

The relationship between domestic and international pharmaceutical regulations/guidelines, and the development/manufacture of generic medicines

Generic medicines and medical economics

Etc.

### 3-2. Type

Japanese Journal of Generic Medicines mainly accepts general papers, short reports, research results and review articles as a rule.

### 3-3. Languages

Japanese or English

### 3-4. Length

- General papers: as a rule, they need to include new findings on generic medicines obtained from original research activities.

The printed paper shall not exceed six pages (1900 Japanese characters by 6 pages = 11,400 Japanese characters). Each page shall be A4 size, with 40 Japanese characters by 40 lines typed horizontally. The length of the text shall not exceed seven pages as a rule, including figures and tables.

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- Research results: they shall include valuable data, although it is not necessary to include new findings.
- Review articles: they shall summarize and review research in a related field on the basis of actual research by one or more authors.

The length is arbitrary.

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The second page shall have an English abstract consisting of up to 250 words (with a Japanese translation attached) and up to five keywords.

The body of the paper starts on the third page.

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