



Figure and Illustration Formatting Guidelines for Publication

1. How to submit your figures

Illustrations and figures must be provided in separate files. Each file should include a single illustration and should fit on a single page in portrait format. For figures consisting of multiple parts, a single composite file should be submitted containing all the parts of the figure.

2. Legends

Figure legends should be included in the main manuscript text file at the end of the document, rather than being a part of the figure file. For each figure, the following information should be provided: Figure number (in sequence, using Arabic numerals - i.e. Figure 1, 2, 3, etc.); short title of figure (maximum 15 words); detailed legend, maximum 300 words. Incorporate figure keys into the graphic, not into the figure legend. Include all symbols, indicators (including error bars), line styles, colors, and abbreviations in the legend.

3. Electronic Editing of Images

Enhancement of digital images using editing software (e.g. Photoshop) is only permitted to increase the clarity of the pictures. It is crucial, however, that the author(s) avoid misinterpreting data through the use of editing software. It is the responsibility of the author(s) to ensure that any adjustments do not selectively highlight, misrepresent, obscure, or eliminate specific elements in the original figure, including the background. Details of significant digital alteration of images must be given in the text of the article. Linear adjustment of the color, contrast, or brightness are permitted, but they must be applied to the entire image, not just parts of it.

4. Resolution Requirements and File Types

JHEOR does not recreate author-provided figures. It is the responsibility of the author(s) to ensure that the figures are provided at a sufficiently high resolution to be able to publish in *JHEOR*. All images submitted should have a minimum resolution of 300 dpi.

File Type

Line art or vector drawing data: For figures such as a bar graph, line graph, flow chart, box-and-whisker plot, survival plot, scatterplot, dot plot, forest plot, etc., *JHEOR* highly encourages authors to submit the vector-based file. We accept the following vector format files: .ai, .eps, .ps, .pdf, .docx/doc, .ppt, and .svg.

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Illustrations, clinical images, and other non-vector art: Images and illustrations must meet the minimum requirement of 300 dpi at the time of creation. Attempting to increase the resolution of the image after creation will cause a breakdown in detail and create a low-quality image. We accept the following files: .ai, .eps, .jpg, .pdf, .psd, and .tiff.