

Endoscopy

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Original articles, Systematic reviews, Innovations and brief communications (IBCs), Letters to the editor/Letter replies, and E-Videos.

Original articles

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Length: abstract max. 250 words, main text max. 3500 words, tables and figures max 6, 35 references

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Length: abstract max 250 words, 3500 words, tables and figures max 6, max 35 references

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Books	Vaccaro AR, Albert TJ. <i>Spine surgery</i> . 2nd ed. Stuttgart: Thieme; 2009
Online source	Foley KM, Gelband H, editors. <i>Improving palliative care for cancer</i> . Washington: National Academy Press; 2001. Available from: http://www.nap.edu/books/0309074029/html/ . Accessed 2002 Jul 9

tion in the paper. For articles with more than four authors, the first three authors are given followed by “et al.” If possible, please use EndNote for reference management. An Endnote style file with the requested formatting can be downloaded under the following link: <https://www.thieme.de/de/autorenounge/fuer-zeitschriftenautoren-1789.htm> (► **Table 1**).

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