

# 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

Original articles should present the results of original research. They should contain the following sections: structured abstract, introduction, patients/materials and methods, results, discussion, reference list, figure legends, tables. These sections should all be presented together in one Word file. Graphics, such as images and illustrations, should be uploaded in separate files.

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Books	Vaccaro AR, Albert TJ. Spine surgery. 2nd ed. Stuttgart: Thieme; 2009
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