

Author Guidelines

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Authors are strongly advised to read these guidelines carefully before preparing their manuscript. Submissions that do not conform to these guidelines will be returned without review.

1. Aims and Scope

IJBRIS is a peer-reviewed academic journal publishing original research conducted from a Scripture-governed framework. The journal upholds the Bible as the primary source, interpretive authority, and final standard for truth across all academic disciplines. The journal welcomes submissions in Biblical Research, Biblical-Theological Research, Systematic Theology, and Scripture-Governed Interdisciplinary Research.

2. Submission Types

Type	Word Count	Abstract
Full Research Article	3,000 – 8,000 words (excl. abstract)	150 – 250 words
Research Note	1,500 – 3,000 words	100 – 200 words

3. Originality and Ethical Standards

- Manuscripts must be original, unpublished, and not under consideration elsewhere.
- All sources must be authentic and verifiable. Fabricated citations will result in immediate rejection.
- Authors must disclose any conflicts of interest at the point of submission.
- Plagiarism in any form is strictly prohibited. Submissions may be screened using detection tools.
- Co-authors must have made a substantive intellectual contribution to the work.

4. Language and Style

- Manuscripts must be written in clear, formal academic English.
- Authors whose first language is not English are encouraged to have their manuscript reviewed by a proficient English speaker before submission.
- Avoid jargon, colloquialisms, and informal language.
- Use inclusive and respectful language throughout.

5. Manuscript Formatting

Element	Requirement
File Format	Microsoft Word (.docx) only
Font	Times New Roman, 12pt

Line Spacing	Double-spaced throughout
Margins	1 inch (2.54 cm) on all sides
Page Numbers	Bottom centre, all pages
Headings	Numbered (1.0, 1.1, 2.0 etc.) — Bold
Bible Version	KJV (except otherwise indicated)
Citation Style	SBL (Society of Biblical Literature) Style

6. Structure of a Full Research Article

Front Matter

- Title — Clear and concise. Maximum 20 words.
- Author(s) Name and Affiliation — Full name, institution, and email address.
- Abstract (150–250 words) — Must state the topic, purpose, methodology, findings, and conclusion.
- Keywords — 4 to 6 keywords relevant to the subject.
- Thesis Statement (1–2 sentences) — The central claim or controlling argument.
- Research Gap (max 100 words) — What is missing or insufficiently treated in existing scholarship.
- Bible Version Used — State the primary biblical translation used (default: KJV).

Body

- 1.0 Introduction — Background, significance, and direction of the study.
- 1.1 Secular Literature Review (secondary to Scriptural Review)
- 1.2 Christian Literature Review (secondary to Scriptural Review)
- 1.3 Research Problem
- 1.4 Research Aim
- 1.5 Research Questions
- 1.6 Research Methodology
- 2.0 Scriptural Review — Critical exegesis and theological interpretation of relevant biblical passages.
- 3.0 Theo-Theoretical and Conceptual Framework — Theological and doctrinal lenses guiding the study.
- 4.0 Key Theme Development — Major themes (4.1, 4.2, 4.3 etc.).
- 5.0 Findings — Clear presentation of major findings.
- 6.0 Discussion — Interpretation of findings in relation to the research problem and Scripture.
- 7.0 Impacts — Positive impacts on the church, society, and the individual believer.
- 8.0 Recommendations — Practical, theological, or ministerial recommendations.
- 9.0 Conclusion — Summary, restatement of major argument, and scholarly significance.

End Matter

- References / Bibliography — SBL Style. Include only sources actually used in the paper.

7. Structure of a Research Note

Section	Word Count
Title (10–15 words max)	—
Abstract	100–200 words
Keywords	4–6 words
Thesis Statement	1–2 sentences
1.0 Introduction	200–400 words
2.0 Core Argument / Scriptural Review	1,000–1,800 words
3.0 Brief Discussion	200–400 words
4.0 Conclusion	150–300 words
References (3–10 sources + KJV Bible)	—

8. Citation and Referencing

IJBRS uses the Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) Style for all citations and references.

- All in-text citations must include author surname, year, and page number where applicable.
- Footnotes are permitted and encouraged for explanatory notes and secondary references.
- Biblical references should include book, chapter, and verse (e.g., John 3:16 KJV).
- The reference list must include only sources cited in the manuscript.
- All cited authors must be verifiable — unverifiable sources will be flagged during review.

9. Accepted Research Methodologies

- Sola Scriptura Research
- Grounded Truth Theory (GTT)
- Scriptural Review Method
- Biblical Hermeneutics
- Historical-Grammatical Method
- Exegetical Analysis
- Theological Analysis
- Conceptual Analysis
- Qualitative Research
- Comparative Literature Review

10. Preparing for Double-Blind Review

- Remove all author names, affiliations, and acknowledgements from the manuscript file.

- Remove personal information from document properties (File → Properties → Remove Personal Information).
 - Avoid self-referencing citations that could identify the author (e.g., 'as I argued in...').
 - Author details should only appear on the title page, submitted separately.
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11. Submission Checklist

- ■ Manuscript is in Microsoft Word (.docx) format
 - ■ Word count is within the required range
 - ■ Abstract meets the required word count
 - ■ All sections follow the IJBR structure
 - ■ SBL citation style is used throughout
 - ■ Bible version is stated (default: KJV)
 - ■ Scriptural Review included with proper exegesis
 - ■ All in-text citations match the reference list
 - ■ Manuscript is anonymised for blind review
 - ■ No plagiarised content
 - ■ Submission is original and not under review elsewhere
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12. Important Dates

Event	Date
Submission Deadline	15th of every month
Special Publication Issues	April, August, December

13. Download Submission Templates

Article Template: <https://journals.cibrest.org/index.php/ijbrs/libraryFiles/downloadPublic/1>

Research Note Template: <https://journals.cibrest.org/index.php/ijbrs/libraryFiles/downloadPublic/2>

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