

# Checklist for Authors

## Originality

Does the study make an original scientific contribution or new observation on the topic?

## Usefulness

Are the findings likely to contribute to improved standards of care?

Would the findings have an impact on preventive/promotive care?

## Design Features

Is the objective of the study clearly defined?

Is the study design appropriate for the objective?

Are the subjects for the study and their source, as well as the inclusion/exclusion criteria defined?

Are the sampling methods likely to give rise to bias?

Is there a statement included about sample size?

Is the method for collection of data clearly described and referenced for laboratory data?

Are the study and comparison groups similar in all respects except for the topic of inquiry?

Is the response rate satisfactory?

If intervention has been used was the allocation random and blind?

Have the outcome measures been defined?

Are there any drop outs?

## Analysis and Presentation

Is the statistical procedure employed (including the software used) clearly stated?

Do the results adequately answer the research question?

Is the interpretation of results reasonable?

## References

Are the references relevant to the study and up to date?

Are the references cited in the style required?

## Ethics

Are the design and conduct of the study ethical?

Has the permission of the local ethical committee been sought and received?

## Announcement of the 7th UNAPSA Congress

The 7th Congress of the Union of African Paediatric Societies and Associations will take place in Kampala, Uganda, on 1 - 6 December 1996.

Registration fees \$200.

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