

Editorial Policies and Rules

Guidelines for authors

EDITORIAL RULES

Generalities:

1.- The articles must be original and unpublished; in addition, they must not be simultaneously postulated in other journals. Articles other than Spanish and English will be received.

2.- All articles are submitted to arbitration for their selection and publication. For their arbitration, the Interdisciplinary peer-reviewed Journal of Health Sciences, Salud y Vida "Health and Life" (the Journal), will use double-blind peer evaluation; where the reviewers do not know the identity of the authors of the articles, and the authors do not know the identity of the reviewers. All evaluators and referees are external to the Journal and the Publishing House.

3.- The articles that are sent to the Journal must have a maximum of four collaborators, including the main one. The exception of this rule will be submitted to the editorial committee for consideration, based on the criteria of originality, relevance, contribution and extension of the investigative process developed in the article.

4.- The Journal is published every six months (Ordinary Issues).

5.- The journal may accomplish extraordinary issues (special editions), prior agreement with groups, networks, institutions and organizations, that carry out research events such as congresses, forums, conferences, presentations, among others, for which it is essential to present the articles adjusted to the present editorial standards.

6.- Authors of ordinary and extraordinary issues must register in the OJS (Open Journal Systems) of the Journal: (<http://fundacionkoinonia.com.ve/ojs/index.php/saludyvida/user/register>)

If they are already registered, it will not be necessary to do it again.

Aesthetic configuration of the articles:

7.- Articles will be written without indentation and without spaces between paragraphs, only to separate titles and subtitles up to a maximum of 5 levels. The use of bullets will be kept to the absolute minimum.

8.- Articles must be in electronic format, 1.5 spaced, font size 12 (Arial), with 2.5 cm right, left, bottom and top margins, on letter-size paper in Format: DOC.

Type and structure of the articles:

9.- The articles will be classified as:

- **Original article:** Contribution aimed at disseminating original and unpublished research results, which can be replicated and / or generalized. Discursive formulations of theorizing effect and qualitative methodology research are also considered original articles, in a general way.

- **Short original Articles:** They have the same characteristics as the original articles but are shorter.

- **Review article:** Contribution that uses a research method presents the synthesis of multiple published studies and enables general conclusions, regarding a particular area of study carried out in a systematic and orderly manner, favoring the deepening of knowledge of the investigated topic.

- **Clinical Communications:** Novel Preliminary Results Work; accompanied by analysis and discussions based on scientific research.
- **Reports and / or case reports:** Attractive, clear, concise and didactic presentation of clinical cases. You must leave some new teaching from discussions based on scientific research.
- **Epidemiological statistics.** Analysis and discussions at the epidemiological level based on scientific research.
- **Editorial:** Topics of editorial interest are proposed in an expository - argumentative way. Works commissioned by the Director and / or Editor.
- **Letter to the Editor:** Contributions to articles already published in the Journal or on a theme related to the subject area that is addressed in it.

10.- **Body of work**

The articles will be structured as follows:

- Title:** In Spanish and English (with a maximum length of 15 words).
- Identification and affiliation of the authors:** Each author will include his/her two names and surnames (the surnames joined by a hyphen); email, institutional affiliation (indicating city and country) and his/her ORCID on a mandatory basis.

For the profession and academic degree; each author must indicate their profession and the highest academic degree obtained (e.g. Endocrinology Specialist, Doctor of Public Health) in parentheses.

c.- **Abstract:** It must be presented in Spanish and English. Original articles should have the following structure: objectives, materials and methods, results and conclusions. Short original articles should have the same structure, but without subtitles. For other types of articles, an informative and balanced synopsis of what has been done and what has been found should be made.

d. **Keywords:** A minimum of three and a maximum of 5 must be proposed, in Spanish and English. The «descriptors in health sciences» from the Thesaurus of the Virtual Health Library (<http://decs.bvs.br/P/decs2020p.htm>), must be used, both in Spanish and English. Keywords will be completely lowercase, separated by a semicolon (;) and a space.

e.- **Article content:**

The articles should be structured in title, abstract, introduction, methodology, results and discussion, following the STROBE Declaration (Strengthening the Reporting of Observational Studies in Epidemiology).

For further explanation and examples on the development of the different sections of an article, according to STROBE, see: http://scielo.isciii.es/scielo.php?script=sci_arttext&pid=S0213-91112009000200015

1.- **Original Article**

Summary (Abstract): Structured in: Objectives, Materials and methods, Results and Conclusions. In Spanish and English (150 words).

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• **Introduction:** Brief statement of the current state of the problem, background, justification and objectives related to the study. At the end of the introduction, the objective of the study should be presented.

• **Materials and methods:** It describes the methodology used, so that it allows the study reproduction and the quality evaluation of the information. The type and design of the investigation, the characteristics of the population and the way in which the sample was selected will be described. In some cases, it is convenient to describe the study area. Detail the procedures performed. If they have been previously described, cite the corresponding reference. Specify how the variables of interest were measured or defined. Mention the statistical procedures used. When using medicinal plants, you should describe the botanical collection and identification procedures. Identify the drugs and chemical compounds used, with their generic name, their doses and routes of administration. It can have subtitles to facilitate your presentation.

It is recommended to review the international consensus for specific types of article such as the guides:

STROBE for observational studies; (http://scielo.isciii.es/scielo.php?script=sci_arttext&pid=S0213-91112009000200015)

CONSORT for clinical trials; (<https://n9.cl/gggdr>) (<https://n9.cl/mljph>)

STARD for diagnostic test studies; (<https://n9.cl/jyo7>)

PRISMA for systematic reviews and meta-analyzes (protocol registration in PROSPERO is recommended); (http://scielo.isciii.es/scielo.php?script=sci_arttext&pid=S2174-51452016000200010) (<https://n9.cl/wfz0f>)

CARE for case reporting; (https://scielo.conicyt.cl/scielo.php?script=sci_arttext&pid=S0718-40262016000500015)

COREQ for qualitative studies; (<https://n9.cl/bpd41>)

CHEERS for economic evaluations; (<https://n9.cl/lbl1z>)

SAGERS for sex and gender reports in the study; (<https://n9.cl/stmo2>)

ARRIVE for experimental animal studies. (<https://n9.cl/pljk>)

Description of each scheme on the EQUATOR website: <https://n9.cl/q610c>

Schemes in Spanish by: <https://n9.cl/l5nq>

Code of ethics. The ethical considerations involved in its implementation must be detailed. If the study involved humans or experimental animals, it should be mentioned that the ethical standards required internationally were met. For human studies, the institutional ethics committee that approved the protocol must be identified. If required, the Editorial Committee may request the approval certificates of the Ethics Committee and the informed consent of the study to be published. The Editorial Committee will require the approval of the study by an institutional ethics committee.

• **Results:** Present the results clearly, without including subjective opinions or interpretations. They can be complemented with tables or figures, which should not repeat the information presented in the text. You may include subtitles to facilitate your presentation.

• **Discussion:** It is recommended to consider the following aspects: main evidence of the study, contrast of the evidence with other studies, strengths and limitations (including possible sources of bias), implications for public health, ending with the conclusions and recommendations.

• **Acknowledgments:** Where appropriate, it should be mentioned specifically to whom and for what reason the acknowledgment is given. The people included in this section must authorize its mention.

• **References:** You must have the references that were previously cited in the article (up to 30 references), according to the specifications mentioned in Table 1.

2.- Short original Articles

They are research articles that, due to their objectives, design and results can be published in an abbreviated way. It has the following structure: title, abstract, keywords, introduction, the study (which includes the methodology), the findings (to show the results), discussion and bibliographic references. The maximum length is 150 words for the abstract, 1500 words for the content, six figures or / and tables, and 20 references. The relevance of the publication based on the period of execution of the study and generation of the data will be evaluated by the editorial committee.

3.- Review

Review articles will be written by experts in the area. They must include an exhaustive, objective and systematized exploration of current information on a specific topic of interest in public health or experimental medicine. It should be structured considering the following sections: title, abstract, keywords, introduction, search strategy, body of the article, conclusions and references. The maximum length is 150 words in the abstract, 4000 words in the content, six figures and / or tables, and 70 bibliographic references.

4.- Epidemiological statistics

Analysis and discussions at the epidemiological level based on scientific research. It has the following structure: abstract, keywords, introduction, analysis, discussion (where the contribution or teaching of the article is highlighted) and references. The maximum length is 150 words in the abstract, 1500 words in the content, six figures and / or tables and 15 bibliographical references.

5.- Clinical communications

Works accompanied by analysis and discussions based on scientific research. It has the following structure: abstract, keywords, introduction, analysis, discussion (where the contribution or teaching of the article is highlighted) and references. The maximum length is 150 words in the abstract, 1500 words in the content, six figures and / or tables and 15 references.

6.- Reports and / or case reports

The cases presented must be of diseases or conditions of public health interest. It has the following structure: abstract, keywords, introduction, case report, discussion (where the contribution or teaching of the article is highlighted) and bibliographic references. The maximum length is 150 words in the abstract, 1500 words in the content, six figures and / or tables and 15 bibliographical references.

Patients are identified by correlative numbers. Their initials or the numbers of clinical records of their hospital or institution are not used, nor any information that could identify them. It is necessary for the authors to request institutional permission for the publication of the report and to declare whether they had the informed consent provided by the patient or family.

Illustrations and / or photos must be thoroughly described. In the reproduction of microscopic preparations, the magnification and the methods of distinction must be made explicit. The figure caption must include the meaning of the acronyms used.

7.- Letter to the editor

There is a section available to all readers who send contributions that complement or discuss about original articles or short originals published and / or also about any thematic area that addresses it. In these cases, up to three authors and a maximum length of 1000 words are allowed; as well as three tables and / or graph and, in addition, up to six references.

The maximum length of words for the title, keywords, content, figures, graphics and tables and the number of references, according to each article is indicated in Table 1.

Table 1. Maximum length of words in title, abstract, keywords, content, figures, graphics and tables and the number of references for each article.

Section	Title (words)	Abstract (words)	Keywords	Content (words)	Figures, graphs and tables	References Consulted
Original Article	15	150	Min.3/Max.5	3500	6	30
Short Originals	15	150	Min.3/Max.5	1500	6	20
Review Article	15	150	Min.3/Max.5	4000	6	70
Clinical Communications	15	150	Min.3/Max.5	1500	6	15
Reports and / or case reports	15	150	Min.3/Max.5	1500	6	15
Epidemiological statistics	15	150	Min.3/Max.5	1500	6	15
Editorial	--	--		1500	--	--
Letter to the editor	--	--		1000	1	6

f.- References:

The VANCOUVER citation system will be used. In-text citations should be as follows:

- **Direct quotes:** It is the one that is transcribed verbatim. It must be short, less than five lines, it also is inserted within the text in quotation marks, and the corresponding number is placed at the end, after the quotation marks and before the punctuation mark in parentheses.

Example: "A gluten-free diet should be established only after the diagnosis has been confirmed, as it can alter serological and histological results" ⁽²⁾.

- **Indirect quotes:** It is the mention of the ideas of an author with the words of the writer. It is included within the text without quotation marks, and the reference number is written after the author's last name and before citing his/her idea in parentheses.

Example:

1.- Andrés Bello University, Library System. Guide to bibliographic references according to Vancouver Standards [Internet]. Santiago de Chile: Andrés Bello University; 2012 [cited 8 Apr 2013]. Available at: http://cybertesis.unab.cl/web/descarga/Refer_bibliog_Vancouver.pdf 2.

2.- Vitoria JC, Bilbao JR. News in celiac disease. AnPediater. 2013; 78 (1): 1-5.

- Book: Author / s. Title. Volume. Edition. Place of publication: Editorial; year. Laín Entralgo P. History of medicine. Barcelona: Scientific and technical editions; 1998.

- Journal Article: Authors of the article (6 aut. Maximum et al). Article title. Journal abbreviation. Year; Volume (number): pages. Vitoria JC, Bilbao JR. News in celiac disease. AnPediater. 2013; 78 (1): 1-5.

- Journal article on the Internet: Authors of the article (6 authors maximum et al). Article title. Abbreviation of the [Internet] journal. Year [date of consultation]; Volume (number): pages. Available at: URL of the article Vitoria JC, Bilbao JR. News in celiac disease. AnPediater [Internet]. 2013 [cited 2013 Feb 14]; 78 (1): 1-5. Available at: <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1695403312003815>.

- **Newspaper Article:** Authors of the article, title of the article, name of the newspaper, Publication date [year month day], section and column.

Graphics, maps and photographs must be numbered with their corresponding legends and indications about their placement in the article. Photographs, graphics and maps must be delivered separately from the text in electronic format with a minimum resolution of 300 dpi or 300 pixels.

g.- **Authors' contributions:** The individual contribution of each author in the preparation of the article must be indicated (Authorship criteria recognized by the International Committee of Medical JournalEditors (ICMJE), see: <https://n9.cl/es/s/le6t>).

h.- **Conflicts of interest:** Each author must declare any relationship, condition, circumstance, position that may affect the objectivity of the manuscript; as indicated in the affidavit of responsibility and originality of the article and the conflict of interest form. (See: Articles 31 and 35 of these regulations).

i.- **Financing:** Here the author indicates if the research was self-financed or financed by any institution.

j.- **Acknowledgment:** The author indicates the institutions and / or entities that participated in the obtaining of funds, in the data collection or in the general supervision of the project for the development of the research.

11.- The Editorial Committee may establish exceptions in works that, due to their originality or contribution, require a greater extension; thus respecting the San Francisco Declaration on Research Evaluation (DORA) signed by this journal (<https://sfdora.org/read/es/>).

From the editorial process:

12. Collaborators will upload the article to the Journal's OJS. At the beginning of the article, the names and surnames of the collaborator or collaborators, their (electronic) address, affiliation institution or community and their respective ORCID must be specified. All collaborators must be registered at <https://orcid.org/>. Collaborators must fill out everything requested in the boxes when registering and uploading the article. (See OJS author's manual, at: <https://n9.cl/f4tmz> for more information).

13. The article will be reviewed by the Editorial Committee, so that in a period of no more than 7 continuous days, they may issue their approval or non-approval decision for the start of the arbitration process in the journal. Articles not approved by the Editorial Committee may not be resubmitted for arbitration in any of the Koinonía Foundation Journals.

14. All articles will be subjected to anti-plagiarism programs as a policy of quality and ethics of publications. (<https://n9.cl/q8pux>)

15. If the Editorial Committee's decision is approving, the author will be notified by correspondence.

16. Upon notification of the approval of the article, the author must upload it with the corrections emanated from the editorial committee to the OJS System of the Journal to initiate the arbitration process.

17. The articles will be evaluated from 4 core criteria:

- Originality / Innovation of the research.
- Usefulness / Scientific Relevance.
- Expository clarity of the text.
- Scientific rigor from the assumed research paradigm or approach / Argumentation / Conclusions or final considerations.

18. The articles are refereed and classified in the following categories: Approved, Approved with modifications and Not Approved.

19. The originality, relevance, style and contributions in the field will be evaluated.

20. For the arbitration of articles, a double-blind peer evaluation will be carried out; where the reviewers do not know the identity of the authors of the articles, and the authors do not know the identity of the reviewers. The evaluators are external to the publishing house.

21. The work of the evaluators is strictly confidential. The journal is not responsible for the performance of the reviewers, who are completely autonomous.

22. The articles will be submitted to external evaluators to the journal and to the Editorial House. Depending on the observations and recommendations made by the evaluators, modifications may be requested from the author or authors to improve the quality of the work.

23. In the arbitration process, the evaluators and the authors will remain in mutual ignorance to guarantee the neatness of the process. **The final decision on the evaluation process, publication or not of the articles rests exclusively with the Director and / or Editor and the Editorial Committee**, and will be made based on the suggestions / observations / recommendations issued by the evaluators. All articles are subjected to an editorial evaluation process, even when they have been reviewed by experts; and if necessary, the authors will receive the appropriate recommendations to improve the quality of the articles to be published.

24. The evaluators will have a period of 30 continuous days, from the receipt of the article, to send the Director and / or Editor the evaluative report thereof. The Director - Editor will send such report to the author within a maximum period of 5 continuous days. The expected time from the receipt of the article to its publication is 8 weeks.

25. Writings published in the Interdisciplinary Journal of Health and Life in the Health Sciences Area: Gerontology, Medicine, Pediatrics, Biomedical Engineering, Electrical Medicine, Histocytotechnology, Microbiology, Traumatology, Nutrition, Physiotherapy, Family Medicine, Epidemiology, Anesthesiology, Pharmacology, Nursing, Bioethics, Deontology, Cardiology, Community and methodological innovations, will be the sole responsibility of the authors, both for their opinions, statements and methods.

26.- The authors must write a sworn declaration of responsibility and originality of the article; and send it to saludyvida@fundacionkoinonia.com.ve

See model: <https://n9.cl/r6eb>

27.- The Journal adheres to the ethical principles in force in research. When research carried out on human beings is presented, it is necessary to mention in the article if the procedures respected ethical standards consistent with the Declaration of Helsinki (<https://n9.cl/a2yn> updated to 2013) and if the research protocol was previously approved to its execution by an Institutional Ethics Committee.

a.- 1) Research carried out on human beings; and 2) Research that directly uses human biological material or identifiable human data such as biobank samples or medical records, require the approval of an Institutional Ethics Committee.

b.- The Editorial Committee of the Journal will not request the approval of an Institutional Ethics Committee in the following cases: 1) Secondary studies carried out with public access databases, including systematic reviews, meta-analyses and bibliometric studies; 2) Surveillance interventions in public health; 3) Investigation of outbreaks or health emergencies; 4) Evaluations of public health programs.

c.- In case of doubts and / or controversies in this regard, these will be evaluated and resolved by the Editorial Committee of the Journal under the parameters of international standards and organizations in the area of Health Sciences: Declaration of Helsinki 2013, World Health Organization WHO, The Council for International Organization of Medical Science - CIOMS 2016, American College of Epidemiology Ethics Guidelines, Health Research Ethics Authority - Canada. If the Editorial Committee deems it necessary, it will request the study database and additional information in order to corroborate the results of the study.

28. If any lack of ethics in publication is detected at the beginning, during the editorial process or after publication, the Journal will take the necessary corrections based on the recommendations of the Publication Ethics Committee (COPE) (www.publicationethics.org), Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE), World Association Medical Editors (WAME), the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE) and Council of Science Editors, which may include the rejection or retraction of the article, the prohibition of publication of future articles to all the authors in the Journal, the notification to other journals, as well as the communication to the respective authorities (institution of origin, institution that financed the study, professional associations and ethics committees).

a.- The most frequent forms of unethical principles in the publication are: plagiarism, inappropriate authorship and redundant publication:

- **Plagiarism:** All publication proposals will be subject to review by a text similarity detection program (SimilarityCheck). Proposals that contain a high percentage of similarity will not be accepted (more than 10%).

- **Inadequate authorship:** Participation in authorship and the order of appearance in the article is the responsibility of the authors; the journal has no interference in these aspects. Authors should not make changes to the number and order of authors once the editorial process has started.

- **Redundant publication** (duplicate publication and fragmented publication): The Journal does not accept duplicate publication, in case of incurring in this fault and its occurrence is proven, the authors are subject to the guidelines established by COPE.

b.- The Journal considers as authors those who meet the authorship criteria recognized by the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE), see: <https://n9.cl/es/s/le6t>:

- Significant contributions to the conception or design of the manuscript, or to the collection, analysis or interpretation of the data

- Drafting or important critical revision of the content of the manuscript

- Final approval of the version to be published

- The assumption of responsibility for all aspects of the manuscript to guarantee that issues related to the accuracy or integrity of any part of it will be adequately investigated and resolved.

c.- For the recognition of an authorship, it must satisfy the four conditions mentioned; and be reflected in the section of the **article "Contributions of authors", indicated in article 10; literal g of the editorial standards**. On the other hand, the ICMJE points out that only participation in fundraising, data collection or general supervision of the research group does not justify authorship and should be listed in the "Acknowledgments" section.

29.- Conflicts of interest raised by the verdict of an article will be resolved by the Editorial Ethics Committee of the magazine, which is supported by the provisions of the Publication Ethics Committee (The Committee on Publication Ethics, COPE) <https://www.publicationethics.org/>; as well as that established by the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE). These recommendations are available at: <http://www.icmje.org/recommendations/>

30. The statement is downloaded at: <https://n9.cl/ybdql> and must be sent to saludyvida@fundacionkoinonia.com.ve in pdf format and with the signature of the author, and following the criteria indicated in the Conflict of Interest Policy. See: <https://n9.cl/img4f>. Each author must submit a separate document and is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of the information presented.

31. Controversies that could be generated about the published knowledge will be the responsibility of the author or authors of the article, who may be contacted via email. Judgment or discussion may be issued on the topic addressed, as long as this is done in an academic and scientific climate, thus developing a feedback process that builds science and knowledge.

32. The Journal has no charge in the sending and processing of articles. APC does not charge.

33. Anything not contemplated in these editorial rules will be submitted by the Editorial Committee of the Journal.

Editorial Rules of the Journal in force as of Vol. 4, No. 8 (4): July – December 2020

Editorial Policies

Focus and scope

The Interdisciplinary Review of Health Sciences. Salud y Vida (Health and Life) is a multidisciplinary scientific publication, which disseminates original and unpublished scientific works, essays and bibliographic reviews related to Health and Life Sciences. Of semester appearance, it is aimed at researchers, scientists, undergraduate, graduate and postdoctoral students, teachers and professionals who have an interest in the areas of Gerontology, Medicine, Biomedical Engineering, Electromedicine, Histocytotechnology, Gynecobstetrics, Psychiatry, Pneumonology, Microbiology, Traumatology, Nutrition, Physiotherapy, Family Medicine, Epidemiology, Traumatology, Anesthesiology, Pharmacology, Nursing, Bioethics, Deontology and all those related to the area of Health and Life. The main purposes of this publication are: the dissemination of knowledge, enable peer exchange and stimulate scientific and academic production. The Interdisciplinary Review of Health Sciences. Salud y Vida (Health and Life) is governed by the double-blind evaluation system. The articles are in the HTML and PDF output format, and are open access and do not charge APC.

MISSION

Disseminate refereed articles on advances and results of unpublished research from the field of Health, Gerontology, Medicine, Biomedical Engineering, Electrical Medicine, Histocytotechnology, Gynecology, Obstetrics, Psychiatry, Pneumonology, Microbiology, Traumatology, Nutrition, Physiotherapy, Family Medicine, Epidemiology, Traumatology, Anesthesiology, Pharmacology, Nursing, Bioethics, Deontology, Cardiovascular area, |y; essays, theoretical, dissemination and registration of experiences in the field of health and community, in order to cooperate with contributions in the following contexts:

- Theoretical - epistemological - methodological - innovations.
- Family Medicine
- Pediatrics
- Gerontological Area
- Biomedical engineering
- Electromedicine
- Histocytotechnology
- Obstetrics Gynecology
- Psychiatry
- Pneumonology
- Nutrition
- Microbiology
- Traumatology
- Physiotherapy
- Bioethics
- Deontology
- Nursing

- Anesthesiology
- Pharmacology
- Community
- Cardiology

VISION

To be the means that promotes spaces for socialization and participation from the pluri-inter and transdisciplinarity in the construction of knowledge, the dissemination of research, essays, theory, dissemination and registration of experiences in the field of health and community for the exchange of experiences that promote the strengthening of knowledge and research; serving as a stimulus, support and permanent training for the projection of the knowledge of Health professionals.

PERIODICITY

Biannual. January and July.

Interdisciplinary Arbitrated Journal of Health Sciences, "Health and Life" will publish the first month (first day of the month) of the publication period (January and July).

1.- January - June (First day of January)

2.- July - December (First day of July)

Ordinary numbers may be published before the start of the declared period. The approved articles will be published in the immediately available number.

ACADEMIC AND SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY TO WHICH IT IS ADDRESSED

The Interdisciplinary Review of Health Sciences, Salud y Vida (Health and Life), receives original and unpublished articles from researchers, scientists, undergraduate, graduate and post-doctoral students, teachers and professionals whose purpose is to expand knowledge in the Health and Life Sciences.

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EVALUATION SYSTEM

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THEMATIC SCOPE

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- Family Medicine
- Pediatrics
- Gerontological Area
- Biomedical engineering

- Electromedicine
- Histocytotechnology
- Obstetrics Gynecology
- Psychiatry
- Pneumonology
- Nutrition
- Microbiology
- Traumatology
- Physiotherapy
- Bioethics
- Deontology
- Nursing
- Anesthesiology
- Pharmacology
- Community work
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Peer review process

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26.- The authors must write a sworn declaration of responsibility and originality of the article; and send it to saludyvida@fundacionkoinonia.com.ve

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