



## INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS

Purpose: The purpose of these articles is to help demystify the techniques utilized in current, cutting-edge, basic and clinical scientific studies. The articles are used to educate scientists, clinicians, trainees, fellows, and clinician-educators. One aim is to facilitate communication among members of the broad dermatology community and help all readers of investigative dermatology studies better understand the research. With this aim in mind, please use language to make your subject clear and approachable by a wide audience.

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