

## Obstetric Medicine Journal Preferences

### **Text**

Please use:

- 'fetus' not 'foetus'
- either 'x weeks **of** gestation' or 'x weeks' gestation'
- 'caesarean' rather than 'cesarean' or 'Caesarean'
- 'Miscarriage' or 'fetal loss' rather than 'spontaneous abortion'
- 'termination of pregnancy' rather than 'abortion'
- 'woman/women' in preference to 'patients'
- 'obstetric' rather than 'obstetrical'
- words to be used rather than > or < when used in sentences in the text
- Italics for names of genes and names of bacteria as appropriate

Otherwise standard English language preferences apply, for example only capitalizing proper nouns or the start of sentences. This includes drug names – generic drug names do not need to be capitalised, if using brand names please ensure appropriate use of trademark (™) or registered trademark (®) annotation where necessary.

### **Units**

We suggest using SI units and providing the commonly used alternatives in brackets. We encourage normal ranges for any non-standard tests to be included.

### **Abbreviations**

Any abbreviations should be spelt out in full on first use in the manuscript.

### **Images**

Please note that images appear in grayscale in our print copies. Please therefore ensure that any legends reflect this and consider using grayscale/patterns in figures rather than relying on colours.