




Instructions for Authors

Submission Procedures

Prospective articles may reach *CDN* in 2 different ways. Authors starting their review process with *CDN* can begin manuscript submission at <http://submit.cdn.nutrition.org>. Authors open to publishing in additional journals published by the American Society for Nutrition may transfer their article and manuscript reviews, to the *CDN* site. All manuscript submitters must enter the information requested on each of the screens. Sections are shown below.

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Cover letter

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Manuscript file format

We will review any legible document on the first version of a manuscript, regardless of the file type. However, Word (.doc or .docx) files are the preferred format for manuscript text source files, and are required for revised manuscripts.

Fonts. Standard fonts, including Times, Times New Roman, Courier, Helvetica, Arial, and the Symbol font for special characters, are recommended in order to avoid potential problems with font substitution or embedding problems. All other fonts, if not embedded, may be replaced, resulting in data loss or realignment.

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Manuscript Preparation

Organizing your manuscript

Manuscripts will include some or all of the sections listed below. Although some articles will not include each of these sections, please order the sections as listed below.

1. Title Page
2. Abstract
3. Introduction
4. Methods
5. Results
6. Discussion
7. Acknowledgments and statement of authors' contributions to manuscript
8. References
9. Tables
10. Figure legends
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1. Title page

The title page must include:

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- b. the names of all authors (first name, middle initial, last name) in order, as well as their departmental and institutional addresses.
- c. Identify a corresponding author and provide a mailing address, telephone number, and email address.
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 - (iii) all sources of financial support;
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2. Abstract

Research articles must include a structured abstract that contains no more than 300 words, is written in complete sentences, includes information pertinent to any clinical trial registry in which a trial is registered, and uses the following headings:

Background.
Objective
Methods
Results
Conclusions

Brief Communications, Research Methodology/Study Design, Food & Nutrition Policy, and most review articles should include an unstructured abstract (no more than 300 words) that states the purpose of the article and emphasizes the major concepts and conclusions.

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Clearly describe the background and specific objectives of the article. Give enough context for the article with a brief review of key literature to allow readers outside the field to understand the significance of the article.

4. Methods

Documentation of methods and materials used should be sufficient to permit replication of the research. Describe clearly the experimental design including the control and experimental groups. State the source of specialized materials, diets, chemicals, and instruments and other equipment, with model or catalog numbers, where appropriate. Specify kits, analyzers, and commercial laboratories used. Cite references for methods whenever possible and briefly explain any modifications made.

5. Results

Report the results of the study without repeating the methodology, Introduction, or content in the Discussion section. Do not duplicate data from tables or figures in the text.

6. Discussion

In the Discussion, explain the importance of the findings, putting them into the context of the existing literature. Clearly state the overall conclusions.

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Cite tables sequentially in the text with the first citation of each table in **bold font**. Each table should have a title that clearly but concisely describes the treatments and experimental animals or participants. Information concerning methods or explanatory material can be included in footnotes to the table, but repetition of methodology should be minimized.

Clearly indicate units of measure after the variable in rows, above the first value in each column, or centered over all columns to which the unit applies. Data appearing under a single heading should not appear in multiple cells.



OR (95% CI)	
1.22	(0.61, 2.44)
0.79	(0.54, 1.1)
0.45	(0.22, 0.92)



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Show statistics of variability (e.g., SD, pooled SEM) and the significance of differences among the data.



Age	(SD)
54.9	(13.1)
54.6	(14.2)



Age ± SD
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54.6 ± 14.2

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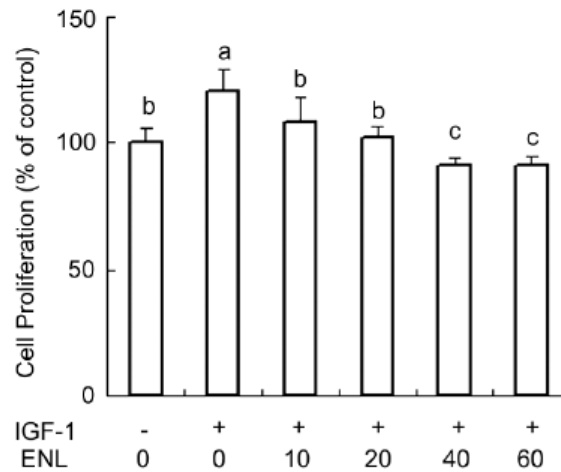
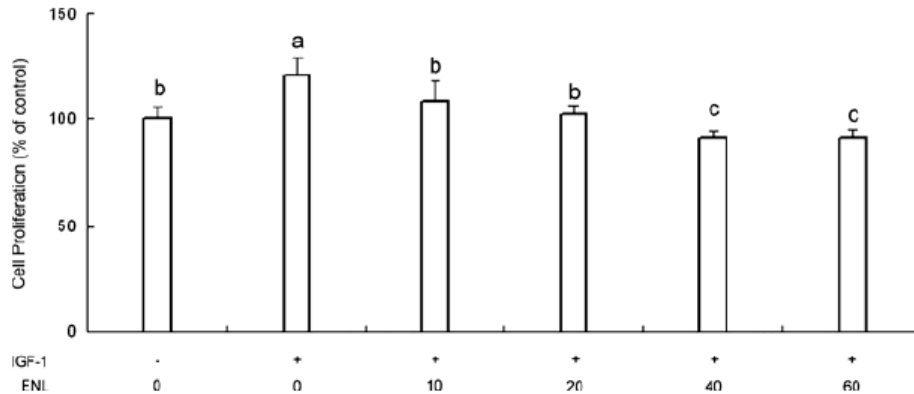
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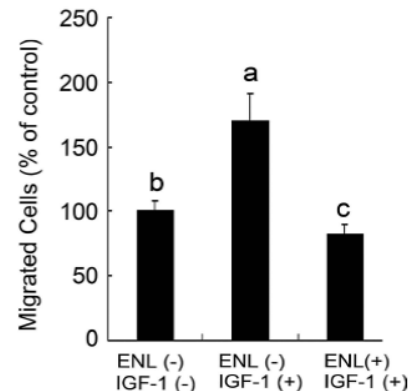
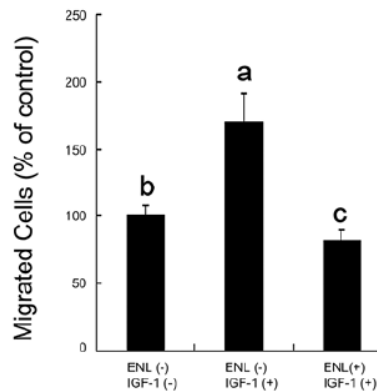


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