



## **T21RS SCIENCE & SOCIETY BULLETIN**

### **AUTHOR GUIDELINES**

The Committee for Science & Society of the Trisomy 21 Research Society (T21RS) regularly addresses issues raised by parents and Down syndrome associations through summarizing the state-of-the-art knowledge from a scientific perspective. The Committee for Science & Society is strongly committed to introducing scientific research and explaining recent findings in an understandable way through their T21RS Science & Society Bulletins. T21RS members are kindly invited to submit a T21RS Science & Society Bulletin to the Committee for publication on the T21RS website.

#### **Aim**

The T21RS Science & Society Bulletins are short communications introducing the broad, non-scientific readership to a specific topic related to Down syndrome (research). The Bulletins do not aim to provide all ins and outs about a specific study with a lot of reservations. Instead, the Bulletin is aimed at introducing the readers to the current state-of-the-art knowledge about the topic of the article (mini-review) including the highlighting of important findings from recent research. In other words, the T21RS Science & Society Bulletin should be considered in terms of a newspaper article rather than a detailed scientific article.

#### **Audience**

T21RS Science & Society Bulletins are written for a broad, non-scientific readership ranging from parents and caregivers to health care professionals. For authors, it is important to:

- Use easy English
- Prevent difficult words or jargon (or explain jargon in case it cannot be phrased differently)
- Phrase concisely
- Focus on the main issues (omit detailed descriptions)
- Illustrate the text if possible (table, illustration, photo)

#### **Document settings**

- Microsoft Office Word
- A4 page
- Margins 2.5 cm round
- Font: Calibri
- Font size: 10

#### **Article structure**

There is no fixed article structure, but the text needs to include the following:

- Catchy title
- Names of the authors (first name + surname, maximum of 4 authors), the main affiliation and indicate corresponding author + contact details
- One paragraph summary in bold
- Background
- Problem statement (central issue)



- Mini-review of state-of-the-art-literature highlighting main results (if possibly, one could include a description of own research here)
- Implications for people with Down syndrome, their family members and caregivers
- Conclusion
- Take home messages in three bullet-points
- Max. 10 scientific references
- Please suggest a few links to 'easy' articles, books, websites etc. for people to read further
- Maximum 2 pages of A4 text (excluding figures/illustrations/tables).
- Please use subheadings, and keep the number of lines per paragraph relatively equal

### **Article submission**

Proposals for a new T21RS Science & Society Bulletin can be sent to the co-chairs of the T21RS Committee for Science & Society, Dr. Floriana Costanzo (Bambino Gesù Children's Hospital, Rome, Italy, [floriana.costanzo@opbg.net](mailto:floriana.costanzo@opbg.net)) and Prof. Sujay Ghosh (University of Calcutta, Calcutta, India, [sgzoo@caluniv.ac.in](mailto:sgzoo@caluniv.ac.in)). After approval of the proposal, the authors are invited to send their Bulletin following the aforementioned guidelines. The Committee for Science & Society will subsequently review the submitted manuscript and possibly ask authors to simply or clarify elements. Finally, the manuscript will be formatted in the T21RS Science & Society Bulletin house style and be published on [www.T21RS.org](http://www.T21RS.org) and send to all subscribed family associations.

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