

Guidelines for submitting an ARO Research Report

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Research Reports are submitted by spARO members (that is, student, postdocs or medical resident members of ARO). The purpose of this activity is to offer a positive recommendation of articles that are published in the society's journal, JARO. Ideally, we encourage a report on an article that was published within the previous 12 months, but older articles will also be considered. The article should be something you feel positive about; please refrain from being too critical in your report. It would be helpful to provide the PMID (PubMed unique identified) or DOI (digital object identifier).

Please do not choose an article from your home institution, or from the lab of a direct collaborator of your lab.

You may wish to offer a reason for your recommendation, considering one or more of the following (taken from F1000 reports):

- The article reports important research that advances the field.
- The article reports important research that suggests a substantive advance in knowledge and is likely to be widely cited.
- The article reports a 'landmark' finding, which is of major importance. It is likely to be highly cited and will move the discipline or practice in new and possibly unexpected directions.

The first sentence should be intelligible to a wide readership. Below is an example *taken from F1000 report instructions*:

This paper adds to growing evidence that accumulation of amyloid in pancreatic islets correlates with a decline in beta cell function. This study is in a nonhuman primate model but has implications for islet transplants in humans and for the beta cell failure that contributes to the pathogenesis of type 2 diabetes.

If you cite other articles in your comments, please number them within your text and then provide their details in the References section either by looking up their PMID or DOI or by entering enough citation information for readers to be able to find them easily.

Please format as shown on the following page (do not be overly concerned about the font and text size—we will handle that). Including ONE figure from the paper is optional but does require permission from the author and journal (and/or editor of the journal). Depending on the journal, there may be a fee for use of a figure. If there is a fee and the author of the ARO Research Report would still like to use the figure, they are responsible for payment of the fee, not spARO.

We have a strict **400 word limit** on the length of the body of the text (excluding heading, references and figure legends).

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