Guidance note for authors

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- **Robust and rigorous**: although not an academic publisher, IOM strives to publish high quality material that is grounded in solid research. Research and analysis should be well designed and clearly formulated and structured.
- **Evidence-based**: research and analysis have to be firmly grounded in evidence and build on existing literature. Referencing source material is essential (see 'content and sourcing' below).
- **Objective and balanced**: in order to ensure credibility of research and maximize its impact on policymaking, MPP articles have to be objective, balanced and temperate in tone.
- **Policy-oriented**: MPP is written for a general, policy audience. Research and other evidence should be utilized to offer policy and programmatic insights and implications.

To maintain the high quality of MPP, all articles are peer reviewed.

Writing style

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- ☐ Not exceed 2,500 words and be written in a non-academic and reader-friendly style (with a maximum of 10 footnote references);
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- ☐ Provide analysis, findings and responses that can be applied/adapted by relevant public administrations, or civil society, in different geographic settings.
- ☐ Articles on evaluations of specific migration policies and responses, including both findings and innovative methodologies, are particularly welcome.

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