

# Instructions to Authors

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The journal *Polygraph* publishes articles about the psychophysiological detection of deception, and related areas. Authors are invited to submit manuscripts of original research, literature reviews, legal briefs, theoretical papers, instructional pieces, case histories, book reviews, short reports, and similar works. Special topics will be considered on an individual basis. A minimum standard for acceptance is that the paper be of general interest to practitioners, instructors and researchers of polygraphy. From time to time there will be a call for papers on specific topics.

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