

Guidelines for Authors

Categories of Manuscripts

General articles not exceeding 4000 words, discuss current trends in research in a field that would be of interest to readers outside the field. These include interdisciplinary topics, science policy and science administration, literature, some aspects of the application of science and technology to human needs or the impact of science and technology on society/ecosystems/life.

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Manuscripts should be typed and double-spaced, The pages should be numbered consecutively, starting with the title page and through the text, reference list, tables and figure legends.

Title page

Title – short and communicative, should be in Capitalize each word case

Name of Authors- should be devoid of Mr., Ms., Dr. etc

Address of Affiliations – affiliated institutions of each author indicated by number in superscripts

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Abstract

Separate page, not more than 300 words

Key words,

Maximum five keywords significant to the manuscript

Text

Introduction (the Background/rationale)

The Background section should be written in a way that is accessible to researchers without specialist knowledge in that area and must clearly state - and, if helpful,

Illustrate and support the hypothesis or aim and objectives of the manuscript. The section should end with a brief statement of what is being reported in the article.

Method/Methodology

The methods section should include the design of the study, the type of materials involved, a clear description of all comparisons, and the type of analysis used, to enable replication.

Results and discussion

The Results and discussion may be combined into a single section or presented separately. The Results and discussion sections may also be broken into subsections with short, informative headings.

Summary and Conclusion

This should state clearly the main conclusions of the research and give a clear explanation of their importance and relevance. Summary illustrations may be included.

Figures

Figures should be numbered consecutively as they appear in the text with an appropriate reference such as '(Figure 1)'. The numbered figures and their captions should be placed on separate pages at the end of the manuscript or as separate files. Wherever possible they will be reproduced with the author's original lettering. Maps are best marked with a scale and north arrow, and drawn very neatly, ensuring that text and symbols are large enough to be legible if the figure is reduced in size (as is often necessary). Good photographs are also considered.

Tables

Tables should also be numbered consecutively as they appear in the text with an appropriate reference such as '(Table 1)'. The numbered tables with concise headings should be typed on separate pages at the end of the manuscript.

Acknowledgements

The acknowledgement should be very precise and brief limited to maximum of 100 words.

Citation

The citation in the text should follow the following formats.

1.Ricketts (2004), Wilson & Reeder (2005), and Stuart *et al.* (2008)
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Endnote (*Explanation of abbreviations/definitions/explanations*)

If abbreviations are used in the text they should be defined in the text at first use, preferably as endnote. Some important definitions and explanations, opinions can also be treated as endnote

Scientific names The complete Latin name (genus, species and authority) must be given in full for every organism when first mentioned in the text unless a standard nomenclatural reference is available which can be cited. Authorities might alternatively appear in Tables where they are first used. Names of taxa at generic rank and below should be in italics.

Units of measurement Measurements must be in metric units; if not, metric equivalents must also be given.

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Should be alphabetically listed. Publications by the same authors in the same year may be distinguished by a, b, etc., after the date.

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