

# Author Guidelines

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Please write your text in good English (American or British usage is accepted, but not a mixture of these). Use decimal points (not commas); use a space for thousands (10 000 and above). We only accept manuscripts in English language.

### *Length of paper*

Length of 3000-8000 words is preferred.

### *Page setup*

Page size: Letter Size

Margins: top-2.54 cm, bottom-2.54 cm, left-2.54 cm, and right-2.54 cm

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The title page should be a separate page before the main body. Provide the following information on the title page (in the order given). It should include:

### *Title*

Times New Roman; Size-20; Line Spacing: Double; Paragraph Spacing: Before paragraph-1 line; After paragraph-1 line; Center

The title should be concise and informative. Titles are often used in information-retrieval systems. Avoid abbreviations and formulae where possible, and do not exceed 15 words.

### *Author names and affiliations*

Please indicate the given name and family name clearly. The given name should be in front of

the family name. Present the authors' affiliation (where the actual work was done) below the names. Provide the full postal address of each affiliation, including the country name. Then, list the e-mail address, and, if available, the telephone and fax number of each author.

#### *Corresponding Author*

Clearly indicate who is willing to handle correspondence at all stages of refereeing and publication, also post-publication. Please add the words “corresponding author” into parentheses after his/her name.

#### **4. General Rules for Text**

Please use the following rules for whole text (except for the title), including abstract, keywords, headings, tables, references, acknowledgement, glossary and appendixes.

Front: Times New Roman; Size: 12

Paragraph Spacing: Before paragraph – 0.5 line; After paragraph – 0.5 line

Line Spacing: Single

#### *Abstract*

A concise and factual abstract is required (maximum length 250 words). The abstract should state briefly the purpose of the research, the principal results and major conclusions. An abstract is often presented separate from the article, so it must be able to stand alone. References should therefore be avoided but, if essential, they must be cited in full, without reference to the reference list.

#### *Keywords*

Immediately after the abstract, provide a maximum of 8 keywords, avoiding general and plural terms and multiple concepts (avoid, for example, 'and', 'of'). Be sparing with abbreviations: only abbreviations firmly established in the field may be eligible.

#### **5. Main Body of Manuscripts**

##### *Subdivision of the article*

Divide your article into clearly defined and numbered sections. Subsections should be numbered 1., 2., (then 1.1, 1.1.1, 1.1.2; 1.2, etc.) (the abstract, acknowledgement, references, glossary and appendix are excluded from the section numbering). Use this numbering also for internal cross-referencing: do not just refer to 'the text.' Authors are urged to write as concisely as possible, but not at the expense of clarity.

##### *Title of subdivision*

Heading Level-1: Times New Roman; Size-12; Bold; for example,

#### **1. Introduction**

Heading Level-2: Times New Roman; Size-12; Italic; for example, *1.1 Research Methods*

Heading Level-3: Times New Roman; Size-12; Normal; for example, 1.1.1 Analysis of Results

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Number tables consecutively in accordance with their appearance in the text. Place descriptions of tables below the table body. Avoid vertical rules. Be sparing in the use of tables and ensure that the data presented in tables does not duplicate results described elsewhere in the article.

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Integrated into the submitted document.

Captioned above the table.

Should NOT be submitted as an image, but as MS Word-Table.

Subtitled with all units of measurement (metric units).

Borders setting: all; width: 1/2 pt.

Cited in the text as e.g. Table 1.

### *Figures, Photos, Illustrations*

Figures, photos, illustrations and so forth should be:

Of reproducible quality and attached in TIF format or in JPG format. They should have a minimum resolution of 300 dpi.

Integrated as well into the submitted document at the appropriate place.

Accompanied by a clear legend or key, if necessary.

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Captioned below the figures.

Cited in the text as e.g. Figure 1.

### *Formulae*

The text size of formulae should be with the same as normal text size.

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Put the acknowledgement or sponsoring information after the main body and before the references.

## **7. References**

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### *Citations in the text*

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As a minimum, the full URL should be given. Any further information if known (author names, dates, reference to a source publication, etc.) should also be given. Web references can be listed separately (e.g., after the reference list) under a different heading if desired, or they can be included in the reference list.

### *Text*

Citations in the text should follow the referencing style used by the American Psychological Association (APA).

### *List*

References should be arranged first alphabetically and then further sorted chronologically if necessary. More than one reference from the same author(s) in the same year must be identified by the letters "a", "b", "c", etc., placed after the year of publication.

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Strunk, W., Jr., & White, E. B. (1979). *The elements of style* (3rd ed.). Macmillan. p. 12.

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