

# Guidance for authors

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Advice and assistance will, wherever possible, be provided to potential authors on the scope of their research or method of presenting papers.

## Manuscripts

If possible, these should be prepared in MicrosoftWord software and submitted as an attachment to an email. Upon receipt we will revert with a confirmation of receipt and issue you with a reference number for any follow up correspondence. Tables can be included within the body of the document, but all external illustrations or other material should be attached as additional documents. Embedding them within the original Word file causes complications in our production process and can lead to a reduction in print quality.

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If you do not have access to a computer and email, we will accept typed manuscripts. These should be clearly typed (double-spaced) and submitted in duplicate. They must be in English.

We regret, handwritten manuscripts will not be considered.

Original papers should, if possible, be prepared to the Vancouver Convention: abstract, introduction, materials and methods, results, discussion, acknowledgements, references. Measurements should be in SI units.

Tables should be clearly identified.

Review articles need not follow a set format, but authors are urged to make use of headings in text, to help the reader follow a line of reasoning and to provide visual relief for the eye.

Under normal circumstances, only papers/articles of less than 3000 words will be published. This excludes references but it is requested that these are kept to a reasonable number.

## Illustrations

Photographs are welcome but must be of good quality. Use can be made of colour transparencies, or black-and-white or colour prints. However, they will normally be reproduced in black and white only. If possible, line drawings should be supplied to a professionally drawn standard from which the publishers can reproduce directly.

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