



Instructions for authors

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1 General

1.1 Conditions of acceptance

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1.2 Conflict of interest

Authors should disclose any conflict of interest (financial, personal or other).

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All laws and regulations should be strictly followed. Authors are requested to indicate ethical declarations issued by their institution and concerning their research, including permit numbers, in the Material and Methods section.

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2 Types of papers

Two types of publications are considered:

- **Articles**, reporting original research, and longer than 4 printed pages. No length limit is imposed, but concision is necessary.
- **Short notes**, similar to articles, but shorter than 4 printed pages, and with a shorter abstract.
- **Case Reports**, These are short discussions of a case or case series with unique features not previously described that make an important teaching point or scientific observation. Typical length: no more than 1500 words, 20–40 references.

3 Presentation of manuscripts

Use Times 10 with 1.5 interline throughout the manuscript and avoid unnecessary formatting. Number pages. Do not number lines. Use up to three subheading levels in total. Italics should be used in the text for all scientific names and other terms such as genes, mutations, genotypes and alleles. SI units should be used throughout the manuscript.

3.1 Order of parts

Manuscripts should be prepared according to the following order

Title Page

- English Abstract and 4–6 keywords
- Introduction
- Material and Methods
- Results
- Discussion
- Acknowledgements
- Tables
- Figure Legends
- References

3.2 First page, title

The first page should include: title of paper, list of all authors with full given and family names (not capitalised), addresses of all authors, and name of corresponding author with email address. The title should be short and descriptive, and less than 250 characters in length (including spaces). Do not include authors and dates of taxa in the title, except if absolutely necessary.

3.3 Abstracts

All manuscripts should include an English abstract. The English abstract should be 150–250 words in length and comprises a single paragraph. It may be presented as a single part, or as three sections: Background – Results – Conclusions. The abstract should be factual: useless sentences such as “the results are discussed” should be avoided and replaced by a summary of this discussion. No reference should be cited in the abstract, except when this is unavoidable.

3.4 Main text

3.4.1 Introduction

No subsection. This section is headed "Introduction".

3.4.2 Materials and Methods

This part may be presented as several subsections (up to two levels of subheadings).

3.4.3 Results

This section may be presented as a single part or as several subsections; maximum of two subheading levels. The results generally include no citations.

3.4.4 Discussion

This section may be presented as a single part or as several subsections; maximum of two subheading levels. The last subsection can be "Conclusions". Follow instructions for citations. In certain cases, it might be appropriate to mix the results and discussion in a single section, headed "Results and discussion".

3.4.5 Conflict of Interest

If necessary, insert this section just before the Acknowledgements. If the authors wish to report that there are no competing interests, simply insert the statement at the end of the Acknowledgements.

3.4.6 Acknowledgements

This section must be concise. No subdivisions. Mention here colleagues and grants.

3.4.7 References

This section should be arranged according to the precise format detailed below. Only works cited in the text should appear here. Citation of unpublished papers and grey literature should generally be avoided. Software cited in the Material and Methods should have a citation. Papers may be cited as "in press" only when they have been accepted for publication (in this case, include the DOI).

4 Tables

Tables (numbered as Table 1, Table 2, etc.) should be presented as one per page. Avoid complex formatting and use the basic Table format in Word or Excel. Vertical lines are not permitted; horizontal lines should be kept to a minimum.

5 Figures

5.1 Figure numbers and legends

Figures should be numbered as Figure 1, Figure 2, etc. They are referred to in the text as Figure 1, Figure 2, etc. Legends are grouped on a separate page.

5.2 Technical information

All figures are published free of charge (i.e. they are included in the publication fee), including colour photographs and diagrams. However, only photographs of scientific interest and pertaining to the subject of the article should be included. Colour illustrations, especially diagrams, should be understandable even if they are printed as grey levels.

Figures should be prepared to be of good quality both when they are viewed onscreen as HTML and when the PDF is printed. Figures may be arranged as "plates", but keep in mind that PDFs are prepared to be printed on A4 pages. "Plates" should be 178 mm in width and up to 178 mm in length (legend below the figure) or, exceptionally, 178 mm in width and up to 220 mm in length (legend on the facing page).

The electronic submission system will accept PNG (preferred), TIFF (with compression), and EPS files, with appropriate resolution (300 dpi for colour photographs, 600 dpi for halftone work, 1200 dpi for line work). JPG format is not recommended – PNG is preferred.

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7 Scientific names

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Example of text: This paper describes proteins from *Enterocytozoon bienewisi* Desportes et al., 1985 [8] which are involved...

Reference [8] will be:

- Desportes I, Le Charpentier Y, Galian A, Bernard F, Cochand-Priollet B, Lavergne A, Ravisse P, Modigliani R. 1985. Occurrence of a new microsporidian: *Enterocytozoon bienewisi* n.g., n. sp., in the enterocytes of a human patient with AIDS. *Journal of Protozoology*, 32(2), 250–254.

8 Mathematics, statistics and significant figures

Write mathematical equations as simply as possible. Statistical software should be clearly indicated and cited.

Figures should be indicated with a reasonable number of digits, coherent with the significance of the result. This is especially important for the abstract.

Example: a percentage of "30.30%" for a sample of 99 cases should be indicated as 30%.

9 Accession numbers

The accession numbers of nucleic acid sequences and protein sequences must be cited in the text. In the Material and Methods, a sentence should indicate: "New sequences were deposited in GenBank (or other) with accession numbers xxx-xxx". No article will be published without this valid information.

10 References

Authors are encouraged to use a reference manager software. An EndNote style for *Médecine/sciences* is available [here](#).

10.1 References in the text

References are numbered as [1], [2,3,7] or [5-9]. This allows copious lists of references without lengthening the text itself. The use of numbered references does not mean that author names and dates of cited papers are prohibited in the text, but this should be used only if necessary.

Example: Many studies [1-9] have addressed ... (no special need to indicate authors here). In 2003, Smith [10] claimed that ... but Dupont [11,12] later demonstrated that... (names of authors and dates are useful here).

10.2 Presentation of references

References are numbered in alphabetical order of authors (not of appearance in the text). Words in titles are not capitalised. No journal name begins with "The".

Articles within a journal

1. de Buron I. 1988. *Hypoechinorhynchus thermaceri* n. sp. (Acanthocephala: Hypoechinorhynchidae) from the deep-sea zoarcid fish *Thermaceras andersoni* Rosenblatt and Cohen, 1986. *Journal of Parasitology*, 74, 339-342.
2. Durette-Desset M-C, Ganzorig S, Audebert F, Kamiya M. 2000. A new species of the genus *Ohbayashinema* (Nematoda, Trichostrongylina, Heligmosomoidea), *médecine/sciences* of *Ochotona daurica* (Ochotonidae, Lagomorpha) from Buriatia. *Zoosystema*, 22, 667-676.

Book chapter

3. Littlewood DTJ, Olson PD. 2001. Small subunit rDNA and the Platyhelminthes: signal, noise, conflict and compromise, in *Interrelationships of the Platyhelminthes*, Littlewood DTJ, Bray RA, Editors. Taylor & Francis: London & New York. p. 262-278.

Complete book

4. Brooks DR, McLennan DA. 1993. *Parascript - Médecine/sciences s and the language of evolution*. Washington: Smithsonian Institution Press.

11 Special manuscripts

11.1 Long manuscripts

For long manuscripts (more than 20 printed pages), a numbered presentation of subheadings may be preferred, such as: 1. Introduction; 2. Material and Methods; 3. Results and subsections numbered as

3.1 (including 3.1.1, 3.1.2) then 3.2. (including 3.2.1, 3.2.2), as in the present Instructions for Authors. In this case, internal references to other parts of the text may easily be indicated, such as: "see 3.2.5".

numbers if they want.

11.2 Short notes

Short notes are similar to Articles but do not exceed 4 printed pages in length. The abstract should be no longer than 150 words.

11.3 Other types of papers

Generally, these papers should be prepared in collaboration with the Editorial Board. Presentation will be adapted to each case. Obituaries are published only on commission.

12 Electronic submission

Authors should use the electronic submission system powered by **the Fontisworks** (http://msc.fontismedia.com/msc/index_en.php). Before you begin submission, prepare the following:

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- A list of preferred referees and their valid emails, with a short text explaining why you chose them - please avoid colleagues in your own institution;
- Only if necessary, a list of opposed referees, with a short text explaining why;
- A Word file of the manuscript;
- A Word file of the covering letter, explaining why the manuscript is of importance and any other detail. The covering letter is included in the final PDF sent to the referees.
- The electronic files of all figures, with appropriate resolution and technical quality (see [5.2](#)).

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13 Printed reprints

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