

Author Guidelines

Manuscripts should be submitted to the Editor via “**Focus on Language and Research**” Online Submission and Editorial System in accordance with its requirements on the preparation of papers.

The journal accepts the following types of submissions for publication:

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Articles should present theoretical or empirical results of the complete study. Manuscript should not exceed 30 typeset pages including figures, tables and references.

Abstract should consist of one paragraph without references and specific acronyms for a minimum of 300 words. In particular cases by the decision of editorial board an expanded version of abstract in English can be requested. Abstract should be logically structured, coherent, clear, concise, well-balanced (problem description / research procedures).

Abstract consists of background, aim or purpose of research, method used, findings/results, conclusions. Preferably written in active voice.

At least 7 to 10 keywords are necessary.

The article must be in the IMRaD format: introduction, materials and methods, results, discussions, acknowledgements (if necessary).

Introduction includes the aims and objectives of the study.

Materials and methods are presented in separate paragraphs with short subtitles.

Present the **results** in logical sequence in separate paragraphs, without discussions, repetition of methods, duplication of digital data presented in tables and figures.

In the **discussion** the detailed data analysis of the research is presented against literature data.

This provides validation of authors’ conclusions and findings.

An acknowledgments section is optional.

In this section the authors may thank the organizations that subsidized the research, colleagues who consulted them during the study, and/or writing the manuscript as well as the technical staff who provided help during the research.

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Book

Strunk, W., Jr., & White, E. B. (2000). *The elements of style*. (4th ed.). New York: Longman, (Chapter 4).

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Mettam, G. R., & Adams, L. B. (2009). How to prepare an electronic version of your article. In B. S. Jones, & R. Z. Smith (Eds.), *Introduction to the electronic age* (pp. 281–304). New York: E-Publishing Inc.

Reference to a website:

Cancer Research UK. Cancer statistics reports for the UK. (2003). <http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/aboutcancer/statistics/cancerstatsreport/> Accessed 13 March 2003.

Reference to a dataset:

[dataset] Oguro, M., Imahiro, S., Saito, S., Nakashizuka, T. (2015). Mortality data for Japanese oak wilt disease and surrounding forest compositions. Mendeley Data, v1. <https://doi.org/10.17632/xwj98nb39r.1>.

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No more than 5 nonstandard abbreviations for frequently used compound terms and names must be defined in the parenthesis at first occurrence of the terms. Standard abbreviations are used in relevant transcriptions.

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- maximum height – 210 mm
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