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❖ Types of contribution

- **Original Scientific Papers** should report the results of original research. The material should not have been previously published elsewhere, except in a preliminary form.
- **Review Articles** should cover subjects falling within the scope of the journal which are of active current interest.
- **Preliminary Communication** is a concise but complete description of a limited investigation, which will not be included in a later paper. Preliminary Communications should be as completely documented, both by reference to the literature and description of the experimental procedures employed, as a regular paper.

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Manuscripts should be written in English. Authors whose native language is not English are strongly advised to have their manuscripts checked by an English-speaking colleague prior to submission. Manuscripts that do not conform to standard English style, usage and grammar, will be returned to authors for modification prior to scientific review.

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Manuscripts should be prepared with numbered lines and single spacing throughout, i.e. also for abstracts, footnotes and references. Avoid excessive usage of italics to emphasize part of the text. Use lower-case letter type, with font Calibri, font size 12.

Manuscripts should not exceed 8 pages and in general should be organized in the following order:

- Title (should be clear, descriptive);
- Full name(s) of author(s);

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- Summary;
- Keywords (normally 4-5 items);
- Introduction;
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- Results and Discussion;
- Conclusion;
- References;
- Acknowledgements and any additional information concerning research grants, etc.

➤ **Title**

Your paper should begin with a Title that succinctly describes the contents of the paper. Use descriptive words that you would associate strongly with the content. A majority of readers will find your paper via electronic database searches and those search engines key on words found in the title

➤ **Abstracts**

The abstract should be clear, descriptive and not longer than 1500 characters, reporting concisely on the purpose of the paper. Four or five keywords should also be included.

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Authors should take notice of the limitations set by the size and lay-out of the journal. Large tables should be avoided. Reversing columns and rows will often reduce the dimensions of a table. If many data are to be presented, an attempt should be made to divide them over two or more tables. Tables should be numbered according to their sequence in the text. The text should include references to all tables. Each table should have a brief and self-explanatory title. Column headings should be brief, but sufficiently explanatory. Standard abbreviations of units of measurement should be added between parentheses. Vertical lines should not be used to separate columns (minimal set of lines). Leave some extra space between the columns instead. Any explanation essential to the understanding of the table should be given as a footnote at the bottom of the table.

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Computer-generated illustrations and halftones/line/ tones (either color or black & white) are acceptable. Since we cannot guarantee the usability of graphic files, original hardcopies of all illustrations must accompany the accepted printout of the manuscript in all cases. TIFF or EPS files are the preferred format. Suggested packages for line graphics are Adobe Illustrator (version 3.0 or above), Freehand, and Corel Draw. Graphics made in WordPerfect or Word generally have too low a resolution. Files of scanned line graphics can be accepted preferably at a resolution of 1000 dpi and scanned halftones (300 dpi Black & white photos, micrographs etc should not be saved as color. Color and gray scale illustrations should be scanned in at 300 dpi.

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All publications cited in the text should be presented in a list of references following the text the manuscript. The manuscript should be carefully checked to ensure that the spelling of author's names and dates are exactly the same in the text as in the reference list. In the text refer to the

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For books

Kempthorne O. (1957). An introduction to genetic statistics. John Wiley and Sons, New York

For multi-author books

Kennedy B. W. (1990). Use of mixed model methodology in analysis of designed experiments. In: *Advances in Statistical Methods for Genetic Improvement of Livestock* (D Gianola, K Hammond, eds), Springer-Verlag, Berlin, 77-97

For edited symposia, special issues, proceedings ...

Uimari P., Kennedy B.W. (1990). Mixed model methodology to estimate additive and dominance genetic values under complete dominance. In: Hill WG, Thompson R, Wooliams JA (eds) *Proc 4th World Congr Genet Appl Livestock Prod*, vol 13. Edinburgh, Scotland, pp 297-300

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➤ **Footnotes**

Footnotes should only be used if absolutely essential. In most cases it should be possible to incorporate the information in normal text. If used, they should be numbered in the text, indicated by superscript numbers, and kept as short as possible.