

## Instructions to Authors

### SCOPE OF JOURNAL

The Journal of Protozoology Research publishes original research, invited review and mini-review articles, and short communications in the fields of protozoology and protozoan diseases. The purpose of the Journal is to encourage interdisciplinary discussion of topics which are of interest in these fields. Preference will be accorded to papers which correlate the findings of research conducted in a given discipline with those in related fields. Two issues (June and December) are to be published per year.

#### I . GENERAL

1) Original papers must report the results of original research. Manuscripts must not present work which has been published, accepted for publication or is currently under consideration for publication elsewhere. Submission of a manuscript must be approved by all authors.

**Manuscripts should be emailed as attached MS Word files (Text and Tables), MS PowerPoint (Figures and Tables), or picture objects (JPG or TIFF format: Figures) to Dr. Yoshifumi Nishikawa (nisikawa@obihiro.ac.jp).**

2) If all figures will be embedded in MS Word file, all figures should be embedded as objects on separate pages at the end of the MS Word file for submission; high resolution files will be requested after acceptance. These must be separated from the accepted text file. The details are given in the Instructions to Authors.

3) Papers should be written in English with good sentence structure and correct spelling. Correct English is the responsibility of the author. Typescripts should be single spaced throughout. There is no restriction in the length of the article for invited reviews and mini -reviews; while original articles should not exceed 12 printed pages including References, Acknowledgments, Footnotes, Tables, Figures and Legends. For short communications, captions such as Abstract and Introduction should not be given and References should follow the text. The length of short communications, including Tables, Figures and any other appendixes, should not exceed 6 printed pages. Longer papers will be considered for publication only under special circumstances. Each page should be numbered at the bottom.

4) Publication in this Journal is free of charge.

#### II . TEXT

1) The title, name(s) of the author(s), the address(es) of the institution(s) where the work has been carried out, and running title of no more than 40 characters and 5 or less key words should be typed on a separate sheet of paper. These will be typeset by the publisher to a standard format. To permit this, the first 10 cm of the title page should be left blank.

2) Full length articles should be arranged in the following order:

- (a) Abstract, not to exceed 200 words.
- (b) Introduction, should be brief and concise and defines the scope of the work in relation to other work done in the same field.
- (c) Materials and Methods, should provide sufficient information to permit duplication of experiments.
- (d) Results and Discussion, should include results concisely presented and accurately interpreted.
- (e) Acknowledgments.
- (f) References, should be listed in alphabetical order citing all authors according to the following examples:

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**Example (NOTE THE PUNCTUATIONS):**

Sakurai H, Igarashi I, Omata Y, Saito A, Suzuki N. 1983. Effects of neonatal spleen cell products on the multiplication of *Toxoplasma* in rat peritoneal macrophages. *J Immunol.* 131: 1527-1530.

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**Example (NOTE THE PUNCTUATIONS):**

Canpen CC. 1978. Tumors of the endocrine glands. pp.272-429. In: Tumors in Domestic Animals, 2nd ed. Moulton, J.E. (Ed), Univ. California Press, Berkeley.

Nakayama A. 1978. Rhythm of the body temperature. pp. 140-154. In: Biorhythm and its Mechanisms. Suda M, Hayashi O, Nakagawa H. (Eds), Kodansha, Tokyo (in Japanese).

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Bloom W, Fawcett DW. 1969. A Text Book of Histology, 9th ed., B. W. Saunders, Philadelphia.

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**Examples:**

Suzuki (1989) has demonstrated ....., Experiments in this laboratory (Suzuki and Saito 1990) have demonstrated ....., Suzuki et al. (1989) have demonstrated .....

5) Abbreviations should be used only when absolutely necessary except in the title or abstract. Abbreviated words must be spelled out in full when they first appear in the text.

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This study was carried out in strict accordance with the recommendations in the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals of the National Institutes of Health. The protocol was approved by the Committee on the Ethics of Animal Experiments of the University of Minnesota (Permit Number: 27-2956). All surgery was performed under sodium pentobarbital anesthesia, and all efforts were made to minimize suffering.

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- (b) The year of publication of articles cited in the text is often found to be inconsistent with that cited in the bibliography section.
- (c) The style of citation of the references, both in the text and in the bibliography listing, does not often follow that required by the Journal. (please adhere strictly to instructions II -2)-(f) and II -4).
- (d) Scientific names and terms like *in vitro* and *in vivo* should be italicized or underlined.

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