Instructions for authors

Paper submission

Articles should be written in letter «Times New Roman» size 12, with double spacing, on one side of DIN-A4 paper (210 x 297 mm), 25 mm margins on each side, with page numbers. Articles should not be over 30 pages long including figures, tables and literature references. Very occasionally, and under well justified circumstances, longer manuscripts can be published.

Layout of text

The following layout is recommended:

First page. The first page must include: 1. Title of the work. 2. Short title. 3. Name(s) of author(s), being the corresponding author marked with an asterisk (*). 4. Name and address of the institution(s). 5. Full postal address, and e-mail address, of the author to whom correspondence should be sent.6. Number of figures and tables.

Text of the article. This should be divided into the following sections: 1. Summary and additional key words in English. 2. Title, summary and additional key words in Spanish. 3. Introduction. 4. Material and Methods. 5. Results. 6. Discussion. 7. Literature references.

Title of the work. This must be clear, short and concise, avoiding terms such as «Studies about...», «Observations...», «Contribution to...» The title should preferably not exceed 25 words. The ***short title*** of the work, used in the heading of the pages of the printed article, should not exceed 40 characters (letters plus spaces).

Summary. This should give a concise description of the essence of the article, without giving details of the experiments carried out. It will have a maximum of 150 words, without literature references or abbreviations.

Key words: a maximum of seven. This should not repeat words appearing in the title.

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Introduction. This should contain sufficient information about the background to the work so that this can be placed in context with other research, for the reader to understand the objectives proposed and evaluation of the results. It should not be too generalised or too detailed. It should conclude with one or two sentences that define the objectives and the essence of the article.

Material and Methods. Sufficient information will be given to enable the experiments to be repeated. For routine methods, a brief description and a literature reference will be sufficient. New methods must be described in detail and, in the case of little used chemical products or equipment the manufacturer's name and address should be given.

Results. In general, these should not include literature references but only the results of the experiments. Lengthy interpretations of the experimental data should be reserved for the Discussion section. The explanations given in the figure and table captions should not be repeated in the text.

Discussion. This should not be limited to describing the experimental results and drawing conclusions. It should also be constructive, interpretative, analytical, and establish an association between the results obtained and other published works. It can describe conflicting opinions and results of other authors and indicate the value of the results for future works.

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Literature references. The references will be cited in alphabetic order of the authors. Articles by the same author should be given in chronological order and if more than one of the articles has been published in the same year, after the year a letter will be added by which the reference can be identified (for example, 1985a,b).

López, 1980...
López y Martínez, 1990...
López et al, 1985...

Figures and Tables

These will be numbered independently with Arabic numerals and should be self-explanatory.
The **tables** will be headed by a number and title. Explanatory notes that facilitate their interpretation will be included at the foot of the tables.

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Photographs, resolution above 300 ppp.

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Examples of literature references

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Chapters of books

Dorefling, R.; Tieetz, D. 1993. Methods for the detection and estimation of abscisic acid and related compounds. In: Abscisic Acid (Addicortt, F.T., ed). Ed Mundi-Prensa, Madrid, Spain, pp. 23-77.

Books

Individuals as authors
Abeles, F. 1973. Ethylene in plant biology. Academic Press, New York. 302 p.
Institutional author
MAPA. 1986. Métodos oficiales de análisis. Servicio de Publicaciones. Ministerio de Agricultura, Pesca y Alimentación, Madrid, Spain, 662 pp.

Articles from Internet

Gilbert, D.G. 1992. SeqApp, a biological sequence editor and analysis program [on line]. Available in http://www.iubio.bio.indiana.edu/molbio/seqapp [3 May, 2002].