

Author Guidelines/Instruction for Manuscript preparation

Introduction

International Journal of Animal Resources is an international journal of animal research that publishes original papers and reviews on all aspects of Veterinary science/Animal Science/ Fisheries/ Entomology/ Zoology/ Wild animal management. Contributions reporting investigative work in the scientific disciplines involving animals are particularly welcome where they make a significant contribution to the field.

Types of paper

Manuscripts may describe original work in a Full Paper (Original Article) or a Short Communication, or may form a Review of the existing state of knowledge on a particular aspect of livestock. Reviews should, in general, be written in support of original investigations. Case Reports are also published.

Author's general guidelines are given below for the preparation of article. It is mandatory to follow the author's instruction before submitting the article to the International Journal of Animal Resources.

General guidelines

- All materials must be written in proper and clear English.
- Full length paper size: not more than 4000 words and not less than 3000 words
- Short communication size: not more than 1500 words and not less than 1200 words
- Manuscript must be 1.5 spaced throughout.
- Type written using 12 font size Times New Roman on A4 paper MS WORD format.
- The page number and line number must be assigned throughout the manuscript continuously from the title page.
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- Internationally accepted (SI) signs and symbols should be used for units.
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- Category of article: Veterinary science/Animal Science/ Fisheries/ Entomology/ Zoology/ Wild animal management
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Main Manuscript structure: The manuscript should be in the following sequence:

- Abstract and keywords
- Introduction
- Materials and Methods
- Results
- Discussion
- Conclusion
- Conflict of interest statement
- Acknowledgement
- Tables with title
- Figure with legends
- References

Abstract and Keywords

- The abstract must be concise and informative providing the aims of the work, principal results and conclusion.
- An abstract of no more than 250 words (original article) or 100 words for short communication and case report.
- At the end of the abstract, key words (max. 6 words or less) related to the manuscript work must be provided for indexing purposes.

Introduction

- This section should be succinct, with no subheadings.
- Should have supported previous works with clear statement of the problem.
- It should not contain either authors result.

Materials and Method

- This section must be clear and sufficient with experimental details to reproduce the works by other researchers.
- Previously published procedures or methods should be cited without any detailed descriptions.
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- Instruments and reagents information should be specified.
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Results

- Results should be concise and clear
- Should have textual description of the data presented in tables and figures/charts.

- Repetition of the same data in different forms should be avoided.

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- The data should be interpreted concisely without repeating material already presented in the results section.
- It should be considered the results in relation to any hypotheses advanced in the introduction.

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Conclusion

• This should clearly explain the main conclusions of the work highlighting its importance and relevance including any practical applications.

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- Each Table should be typed on a separate page, numbered (1, 2 etc.) and a brief title given directly above each table.
- Tables should be in portrait format. Footnotes to tables should be indicated by a, b etc. and typed at the bottom of the relevant table.
- Information in tables should not be duplicated in figures and vice versa.
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- Number all the table(s) in the order of their citation in the manuscript.

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Books:

- Samad MA (2005): *Poultry Science and Medicine*, LEP Publication, Mymensingh, Bangladesh.

Chapters in Books:

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