

GUIDELINE FOR AUTHORS

The aim of this guide is to indicate to our contributors the criteria requested by the journal ATM for manuscript submission. Only original, unpublished, and manuscripts not submitted to other journals will be accepted. Each manuscript will be submitted for revision to a group of experts nominated by the Editorial Committee of the journal.

Type of papers to be published. ATM publishes contributions from the agricultural sciences and related topics, in Spanish and English. These can be submitted as: scientific article, research note, review article and cultivar description.

Scientific article. A manuscript will be considered as a scientific article by the ATM Editorial Committee if it is based on results of original and unpublished research work in which the interaction between two or more treatments has been studied in several experiments, locations or years to obtain valid conclusions. The maximum accepted size of an article is 20 letter-size pages written at double space (24 lines per page, 70 strikes per line), including tables and figures. It has to include the following sections: 1) Title in Spanish and English, 2) Author(s), 3) Authors' work institutions, 4) Authors' address, and electronic mail, 5) Abstract (In Spanish), 6) Key words (in Spanish), 7) Abstract (in English), 8) Key words (in English), 9) Introduction, 10) Materials and methods, 11) Results and discussion, 12) Conclusions, and 13) References.

Research note. Manuscript referring to preliminary yet relevant results that the author wants to publish before finishing a research project. Its maximum size is eight pages as previously described, including tables and figures. It has the same sections as the scientific articles, but sections 9 to 12 must be written without section titles.

Review article. Is a manuscript generated through the compilation and analysis of actual or new subjects important to the scientific community, by means of which the author expresses his/her opinion and establishes conclusions on the subject. Maximum size is 20 pages as previously described including tables and figures. It contains the sections 1 to 9, as above mentioned. Its content must be divided in sections according to the subject and generate conclusions or final comments. This is followed by the references.

Cultivar description. Is a paper for the scientific community to know on the origin and characteristics of a new cultivar, clone, hybrid, and other genotype. Maximum extent is six pages as those above mentioned. It has the 1 to 4, and 13 sections as previously described. The description must be written without section titles, and provide information on: importance of the cultivar, clone or hybrid being described, its origin, genealogy, method used for its development, and phenotypic and agronomic characteristics (reaction to diseases, soil condition, yield in several cycles and locations), commercial, industrial, and nutritional quality, areas of adaptation, and on the availability of seed or

vegetative reproduction organs. Figures and tables could be exceptionally included.

Manuscript elaboration

Title. The title must provide in a brief way a clear and precise idea of the content, it should have a maximum of 15 words, and be written in Spanish and English.

Summary or Abstract. A less than 250 words synthesis of the following information on the research: justification, objectives, location(s) and year(s) where and when the research work was conducted, a brief description of the methods used, results, and conclusions. The text must be written without neither paragraphs nor titles.

Key words. Those are words written after the summary or abstract that are used to include the article on indexes and information systems. Select from 3 to 5 words, not including words used in the title. Scientific names of the species mentioned in the summary or abstract if not included in the title, must be included as key word (and in “palabras clave” in Spanish).

Introduction. The content of this section is related to the specific subject and objective of the research, describes the problem to solve, the importance of the research, and the bibliographic background that supports the hypothesis and objectives of the work. Preferably up to date scientific articles published in wide circulation periodicals should be included in the review.

Materials and methods. This section describes the experimental location (s), materials, equipment, methods, technologies, experimental designs and data analysis. Information on more than one experiment, a location, a cycle, or a year is requested.

Results and discussion. Results obtained through the research are presented, and their similarities and differences in comparison to those reported in other published research works are mentioned. The relationship cause-effect derived from the analysis must be emphasized in the discussion.

Conclusions. Relevant results derived from the research work are presented.

References. Preferably includes references of scientific articles published in wide circulation journals. Use only references related to the research. All references mentioned in the text must appear in the references section and vice versa.

Format

Documents should be sent as both electronic file and a printed copy, they must be typed using a recent version of Word Processor, written using the type

Times New Roman 11 points. Use letter size paper (21.5 cm wide, 28 cm long) (8.5 inches wide, 11 inches long), and 2.54 cm (1 inch) margins on the four sides.

Text lines must be numbered initiating at each page. Section titles: summary or abstract, introduction, materials and methods, results and discussion, conclusions, acknowledgements (if needed), and references must be written in capital bold letters aligned to the left side.

The metric decimal system, and the abbreviations of the International System of Units (IS) must be used in texts, tables, and figures.

The manuscript figures and tables must be inserted in the appropriated place within the text. Also files in Excel containing data on the figures that permits, if needed, to modify them must be included. If photos are to be included, they must be in black and white (gray tones), original and in TIFF format at 300 dpi, and have to be sent in a separate file.

The titles of the figure must be written in bold style letters with an initial capital letter and lower case letters. Fill bar and pie graphics with clearly contrasting designs and well defined different symbols for line graphics could be utilized.

Table titles must be written in bold letters with an initial capital letter and lower case letters. Tables must be typed in "table" way, their maximum extent is one page. Tables must not show vertical lines, and only three horizontal lines are accepted; the head of column is written between the first two lines and the third line is the end of the table.

Tables and figures must be numbered progressively according to their mention in the text, and to have all the necessary information for easy interpretation, without having to read the text.

Table and figure information must not be duplicated.

If the author(s) expresses his acknowledgements for the collaboration or financial support received during any phase of the research process from either persons or institutions. Inclusion of the acknowledgements section is a matter of author's decision. If this is the case, it must be placed before the references section.

How to write references within the text. Write the last name of authors up to two, if there are three or more, write the first author's last name followed by the words *et al.* (in italics), and the year of publication. If the reference is integrated to the text, the year must be written between parenthesis, examples: Winter (2002) showed..., Lindsay and Cox (2001) stated that..., Barber *et al.* (2000) selected.... If the reference is at the end of a sentence, it must be written between parenthesis as shown in the following examples (Winter, 2002), (Lindsay and Cox, 2001), (Barber *et al.*, 2000). For corporations as authors,

write the whole name of the corporation as indicated for personal authors if it is short or the acronym if it is too long.

References. References must be enlisted following the alphabetical order by the first author's last name. They should be written as follows:

1. Articles in periodicals.

- Write the names of all authors as follows: Write the first author's last name and the initial of his second last name, a coma, initial (s) of his first name (s). To separate the name of two authors, use the word and or its equivalent in the original language of the reference. When there are more than two authors, the names are separated by a semicolon and between the penultimate and for the last one the word and or its equivalent.

After the author's name (s) the following data are written separated by periods:

- Year of publication.
- Title of the article.
- Name of the periodical and between parentheses the name of the country of production (only if it is an obscure journal of low circulation).
- Number of the volume, colon, number of the initial page, dash, number of the last page in the article.

2. Books and serial publications.

- Author(s) as in articles in periodicals.
- Year of publication.
- Title.
- Translation (the translated edition number, the original language, and the name of the translator).
- Number of edition.
- Name of the publisher.
- Place of publication (city, state, country).
- Total number of pages (150 p.) or consulted pages (example: p. 15; p. 30-45; p. 5, 7, 15, and 50).
- Name and number of the series between parentheses.

3. Articles, chapters or summaries in collective publications (books, proceedings, and other).

- Authors, as in articles in periodicals.
- Year of publication.
- Title of the article chapter or summary.
- Latin word *In* (italics) colon (:).
- Editor(s), compiler(s), or coordinator(s). At the end of the name(s) the following abbreviations (ed. or eds.), (comp. or comps.), or (coord. or coords.) written according to the case.
- Title of the collective publication.
- Translation as in books and publications in series.
- Edition number.
- Editorial name.

- Place of publication (city, state, country).
- Pages of the article (i. e. p. 15-35).

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