

Guide for authors

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I – Practical recommendations

The following recommendations are necessary for the smooth running of the editorial composition; so we ask you to respect them.

- The title of your article should be clear, attractive, and not too long. It may be discussed with the Editor, which will decide on the definitive title.
- Articles must be written in French (exceptionally in English, with approval of the Editor) and be relatively brief (10-15 pages in times 12 and double spaced, i.e. 4 to 6 pages of the printed journal). For an article of "standard" length (4 to 6 pages), one can count about 5.600 characters (spaces included) by printed page of the magazine (including titles, abstracts, caption of the figures, references...), to which one must subtract the number of characters evaluated for each figure. For a short article (2-3 pages), count approximately 5.200 characters per printed page.
- The text should avoid any esoteric writing; it is essential, for example, to explain acronyms or abbreviations. If necessary, provide a glossary or explanatory boxes for technical terms or expressions. Some supplements may be published as appendices on the journal's website.
- In case of collaborations, quote them only once. If contract with industry, avoid "confidential coverage" formulas (it is then better not to mention anything).
- To facilitate the reading of your article, it is recommended to provide paragraphs, introduced by titles (even subtitles). "Introduction" and "Conclusion" are to be banned and replaced with more attractive terms.

A manuscript must contain:

- For each author: name, first name, function (professor, research director...), institution of attachment, email. Specify the corresponding author.
- The title of the article in French, a short summary in French and English (about 10 lines), 5-6 keywords in French and English. The summary, also for our database on Internet, should facilitate the search (it is not the introduction); it must therefore be brief and reflect the spirit of the article, highlighting its essential points. Avoid self-references ("I", "our work", "our laboratory"...).

• Illustrations, preferably in color, intended to attract the reader and promote the article understanding (photos, tables, figures...). Accompanied by a caption and possible sources, they must be numbered and called in the text, and their files addressed independently of the text in jpg format, PowerPoint, gif... in good definition for printing (300 dpi). The illustrations should be adapted as closely as possible to the format of the journal (one column: 9 cm; two columns: 18.5 cm).

• Insert is welcome to explain or highlight a particular principle or fact.

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Limit the bibliography to about 20 most representative references. References must be numbered in order of appearance in the manuscript [numbers in square brackets] and grouped at the end of the manuscript **in accordance with the following standard**:

[1] (Ex. for a journal): a) (printed) M. Dupont, J.-M. Durant (initial(s) of first name, name) *et al.* (if the number of authors exceeds five), *La chimie est belle* (title of the article), *L'Act. Chim.* (usual abbreviation of the journal in italic), **2011** (year in bold), 3 (volume in italic), p. 5-10 (pages), <https://doi.org/10.1016.xx> (DOI); b) (online) same model with article number instead of pagination: art. 12345.

[2] (Ex. for a book) J. Martin, *La chimie et la vie* (book title in italic), R. Dupont, J. Durant (eds), Springer (editor), **2011**, p. 56-71 (possibly the pages if it is a part of the work); (For a book chapter) J. Martin, Chapter title, *Précis de chimie organique* (book title in italic), R. Dupont, J. Durant (eds/coord.), CNRS Éditions (editor), **2019**, p. 1-10 (pages).

[3] (Ex. for a thesis) M. Costa, *Title of the thesis* (in italic), Doctoral thesis, ENS Lyon, **1996**.

[4] (Ex. for a website) www.lactualitechimique.org (possibly date of consultation).

[5] (Ex. for a patent) G. Dupont, *Title* (in italic), Patent US 0148785 (official number of the patent), **1999**.

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II – Submission of manuscripts

The manuscript, **necessarily in word format**, must be sent to the Editor electronically. An acknowledgment of receipt will be sent with assignment of a file number to be recalled in all correspondence.

III – Publication

If accepted, no commitment on the date of publication can be provided, but the author will be informed as soon as possible. The author will receive proofs of his article for verification before publication.