Instructions for Authors

Updated for manuscripts in 2021 onward

Title Page

Title Page MUST include Title, Authors’ Information (including Name, Affiliation, Emails, ORCID and short Biography (not obligatory)), addresses (indicate corresponding author please), Abstract (At most 300 words) and Keywords (no more than 8).

First letters of Title words (first section if the titles contains two parts) and First letters of Keywords must be capitalized. The Keywords are separated by Comma “,”

Main Body

Divide the main text in headings without numbers: Introduction, Literature review, Method, Result, Discussion, Conclusion, Acknowledgement, Conflict of interest and References.

Note: Title page and main body should be included in one word document (docx). (The journal is single bind)

Article Types:

The number of article words should be between 3000-20000 words based on article types:

- Original research
- Review paper
- Short communication
- Book reviews (It can be less than 2000 words)
- Letter to Editor (It can be less than 2000 words)
- Technical reports

Details:

- Manuscripts should be submitted in Word (docx or doc).
- Use a bold font for the main title (14-point Times Roman)
- Use a bold font for headings (12-point Times Roman)
- Use a normal, plain font (12-point Times Roman) for text.
• Line spacing must be 1.5 cm
• Use italics for emphasis.
• Use the automatic page numbering function to number the pages.
• Abbreviations should be defined at first mention and used consistently thereafter.

References & Citation

The list of References should only include works that are cited in the text and opposite. Papers presented at meetings but not yet published or accepted for publication, and unpublished data should only be mentioned in the references e.g. (In press or Accepted). Do not use footnotes or endnotes as a substitute for a reference list.

Reference list should be alphabetical by the last names of the first author of each work. Order multi-author publications of the same first author alphabetically with respect to year and then second, third authors.

The references should be cited in the text by author and year: (Smith 2000), (Smith et al. 2005, 2001a, b), (Smith & Talent 2007), or as a parenthetical expression: (Brown 1999; Brown et al. 1976, 1990a, b; Brown & Talent 2000; Ahmadi 1996). For more than two authors, give the first author’s name and then “et al.”.

“&” or “and” between citations are correct

• Journal article


The names of all authors should be provided, but the usage of “et al” in long author lists will also be accepted.


• Article by DOI

• Article in Special Issue
  To reference an article within special issue, simply follow the simple format, mentioning special issue is optional

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• Conference Paper:
  Briggs A (2011). Western Australia on the brink of geoparks. [In Editors’ First Initial. Editor Surname (Ed.), Proceedings of ] 3rd Global Geotourism Conferences (pp. 1-38). Oman: Publisher.

*Conference Paper in Regular Proceeding (it is treated as a journal paper)

*The Title of journals must be mentioned in the complete form.

• Book

• Book chapter


• Report
• Online document


• Dissertation


• Translated source


• If the text is in a non-Latin alphabet, this must be translated into the language of the paper and the language of paper must be mentioned at end of the references.


• Geological Map


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Figures and tables must be cited in consecutive order in the text, e.g., (Fig. 1A, B), (Fig. 1A–D), (Table 1), (Figs. 1C, 2, 3B).
Figures Captions must be included at the end of the article with a title and legend. All figures must be submitted as separate files. The position of figures in the text shall be indicated. Figures (including diagram and photos) should be sharp and of high contrast with the quality resolution. Figures should be saved as jpeg or TIFF images at a resolution of 300–600 dpi and tightly cropped. Figures letters (A, B, C, etc.) should be assigned consecutively from left to right and from top to bottom. Views with the same letter and use subscript numerical notation (A1, A2, A3, etc.).

Tables, which should be in a plain format, are numbered and include a definitive title at the top. Table footnotes may be used to define abbreviations, signs or other terminology within the table. Tables must appear in the main body text.

The first letter of figures’ captions and tables’ titles must be capital.

*Example:*

Figure 3. The upper part of a composite stratigraphic column of the Mesozoic rocks…A)……. B)………… .

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