

## **Author Guidelines for the Journal of the Plant Protection Society**

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### **Categories of Manuscripts**

The journal accepts the following categories of manuscripts:

- **Research Papers:** Research papers must not exceed 16 manuscript pages, including tables, figures, and references.
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- **Invited Reviews:** Review articles are solicited by the Chief Editor and the Editorial Board. Invited reviews must include an abstract and must not exceed 30 pages.

### **Manuscript Format**

All manuscripts must be written in English using Times New Roman, 11-point font (references in 10-point font). Continuous line numbering should be used throughout the manuscript. Manuscripts should be single-spaced (including tables and references) on A4 sized paper with margins of 1.5 inches on the top and left and 1 inch on the bottom and right.

Manuscript should be arranged in the following order: Title, Author(s) (Full names), Abstract, Keywords, Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results, Discussion, Conclusion, Acknowledgements, References.

The title page should contain only the title of the paper, author name(s), institutional affiliation(s), and the corresponding author's email address. An electronic copy of the manuscript should be submitted to [journalplantprotectionsociety@gmail.com](mailto:journalplantprotectionsociety@gmail.com). **Papers that do not abide by the Author Guidelines will be dropped from the publication process.**

### **Title Page of the Manuscript**

#### **1. Title**

The title should be concise, specific, and informative, clearly indicating the content, nature of the study, and technical approach. It should facilitate effective indexing and information retrieval.

## **2. Abstract**

The abstract should not exceed 200 words and should briefly state the objectives, materials and methods, key results, and main conclusions.

## **3. Keywords**

Provide up to five keywords or short phrases, written in lowercase letters (except proper nouns), separated by commas, and arranged in alphabetical order. Keywords should appear below the abstract.

## **Body of the Manuscript**

### **1. Introduction**

The introduction should provide brief background information, a relevant review of the literature, and clearly state the objective(s) of the study. It should normally consist of two to three short paragraphs and include appropriate citations. General statements without references should be avoided. Generally, the introduction contains four main relevant components, such as general background information, specific background information, a description of the knowledge gap that the study was designed to fill, and a statement of the study objective.

### **2. Materials and Methods**

This section should provide detailed information on the materials used and methodologies adopted, including the experimental design, treatments, plot size, techniques, and location and year of the study. Well-established methods may be cited by name with appropriate references. Statistical tools used must be clearly stated. Data transformation should be considered prior to analysis of variance (ANOVA). All measurements must be in the metric system. Standard abbreviations (e.g., cm, m) should be used without full stops.

### **3. Results**

Results should be presented clearly and concisely and supported by appropriate data in the form of tables, figures, or photographs. The same data should not be presented in more than one form. This section may be divided into subheadings. Do not include discussions in this section.

### **4. Discussion**

This section should interpret the key findings of the study, compare them with previous research, and explain their significance and implications. It should also provide appropriate contextual relevance, highlight the novelty of the findings, address limitations, and explain how the results contribute to current knowledge. Future research directions may be suggested. This section may be divided into subheadings in line with the results section.

## **5. Conclusions**

The conclusion should be based on the study findings and presented as clear and concrete statements in line with the objectives.

## **6. Acknowledgements**

Acknowledge individuals, institutions, and funding agencies that provided intellectual, financial, technical, or other support. Use first-person ("I/we").

## **7. References**

References should be listed alphabetically by the authors' surnames. Anonymous citations should be avoided. In-text citations should follow the author-year format. The issue number of journals should be provided in parenthesis, immediately after the volume number.

## **Tables and Figures**

### **Tables**

Tables must be editable and prepared in Word format. Keep the number of tables to a minimum. Each table should be typed on a separate page after the references, numbered consecutively using Arabic numerals (e.g., Table 1, Table 2), and accompanied by a self-explanatory title. Indicate the approximate placement of each table in the text. Use one asterisk (\*) for significance at 5% level and two asterisks (\*\*) for the 1% level.

### **Figures and Photographs**

Figures and photographs, including legends, should be placed on separate pages after the tables. Number figures and photographs consecutively using Arabic numerals (e.g., Fig. 1, Fig. 2) and indicate their placement in the text. Submit high-quality electronic images (minimum 300 dpi) in JPEG or TIFF format. Figures should be in black and white and provided in both Word and Excel formats. The maximum height and width of figures should be 240 mm and 100 mm, respectively.

## **Heading and Style**

- Headings should be bold and use sentence case.
- Subheadings should appear on a separate line, with the first letter capitalized.
- First letter of trade or brand names should be capitalized.

## **Referencing Style**

Follow APA 6th edition guidelines (<https://aut.ac.nz.libguides.com/APA6th/apastyle>).

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