

INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS

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1. Ecletica Química is intended for publication of works in the areas of physics and chemistry which have not been, and are not in the process of being, published elsewhere.
2. The acceptance of such work will be decided by the editorial board on the basis of specialist advice.
3. The published work will have the following forms:

Original articles

Original research presented in a comprehensive manner. It is recommended that such articles be divided into the standard sections with the following order (unnumbered): Summary; Introduction; Materials and Methods; Results and Discussion; Conclusions; Appendix (if applicable); Acknowledgements (if applicable); and References.

Letters

Short communications of on going work. Such work will only be considered for publication if the importance is considered to justify rapid communication. The research described must also be such that it can be considered as a complete work in itself. Letters need not be divided into standard sections. The maximum size for a letter will be 10 sides including: Text; tables; illustrations and references.

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Reviews of literature or of a specific area of research (communicating recent progress in that area). The author must be an accepted specialist in the area reviewed.

Short communications

Included in this class of articles are: observations (original interpretations of data or ideas already in the public domain); and comments of an educational or historical nature.

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Summaries of thesis or dissertations presenting the principle results and conclusions.

4. Presentation of the original copies:

The originals can be in Portuguese, English or French. They must be typed with double spacing so as to give 70 columns and 30 lines on each page.

For all forms of articles (except *résumés*) the first page must contain: The title of the work; the type of article (i.e. which of the forms described above is intended); names of authors in the appropriate order; a summary of up to 15 lines in the language of the article; up to 7 keywords; scientific affiliations of the authors.

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- Summary.
- Name of supervisor.

It is suggested that surnames, which cannot be abbreviated or expressed as initials, be written in capital letters.

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Articles must be presented in a clear concise manner without the use of jargon. Formulas and equations must (where possible) be written on single line. For example, a/b rather than $\frac{a}{b}$ or $e^{x/2}$ rather than $\sqrt{e^x}$. Authors must restrict to the minimum intermediate mathematical expressions. Where numbering of expressions is considered necessary the numbers should be arabic and appear between parenthesis on the right hand side of the page in line with the expression. References must be numbered in the order they appear in the text and be indicated in the text in the form of a superscript. Care should be taken to avoid positioning these superscripts after formulas and equations. Non-conventional units and symbols must be defined in the text. Commercial names for drugs should be avoided. Finally, units and nomenclature must only be used in accordance with the norms laid down by IUPAC.

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These must be presented on separate sheets with an indication of their approximate positions in the text. Tables should be numbered consecutively in arabic numerals. Titles should be placed above tables, or illustration, and should be sufficient to explain their purpose without referring back to the main text.

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1. SPEDDING, F.H., PIKAL, M.J., AYERS, B.O. *J. Phys. Chem.*, v. 70, p. 2.440, 1966.

- Books should be presented as follows: Authors; title of work (in italics or underlined); translation (when appropriate); series and volume; edition; editor; city; year of publication; chapter; and page. When a book is divided into parts, and the main author is different to the author of the referenced work, the order must begin as follows: Author of the referenced work, - In: editor and proceed as described for other books. For example:

2. PAULING, L. *The Nature of the Chemical Bond*, 3rd ed., Cornell, University Press, New York: Ithaca, 1960.

3. WILLIAMS, R.J.P. In: GOULD, R.F. (ed.), *Bioinorganic Chemistry*, Advances in Chemistry Series, n° 100, American Chemical Society, Washington, D.C., 1971, Chap. 8.

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