

Checklist for Full, Revised Submissions of Research Articles

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Submission:

- The submission must consist of multiple files: a manuscript file in Word, WordPerfect, RTF, LaTeX or text format and each figure in a separate TIFF (300 dpi) or EPS file.
- Individual files must always be provided for multimedia (MP4) and extended data
- The authors, title and abstract inserted on the submission form must match those in the manuscript files
- Point-by-Point Response to Reviewers required

Text Formatting (*now required*):

- Sections appear in the following order: Title Page, Abstract, Significance Statement, Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results, Discussion, References, Figure/Table/Extended Data Legends
- All pages double spaced and numbered (except the title page)
- No broken URLs in text
- No Footnotes or Appendices are present
- No reference to Supplemental Material appears in the text, figures, or tables
- Extended data (if provided) are cited within the body of the text or figure/table legend they support. Label as Figure 1-1, Table 1-1, etc. (i.e. Extended Data table supporting Figure 5 labeled as Figure 5-1).

Title Page Includes:

- Title (50 words maximum)
- Abbreviated title (50 characters maximum)
- Names and affiliations of each author
- Corresponding author's name and email address
- Number of figures, tables, multimedia, and extended data figures/tables (separately)
- Number of words for Abstract, Introduction, and Discussion (separately, including any citations)
- Financial interests or conflicts of interest (if applicable)
- Acknowledgements (optional)

Abstract:

- Word count is ≤ 250
- Species studied is identified in abstract (or title)
- Sex of subjects is stated (male; female; of either sex; of unknown sex)
- No subheadings are present

Significance Statement:

- Word count is ≤ 120

Introduction:

- Word count is ≤ 650

Materials and Methods:

- Sex of subjects is stated (male; female; of either sex; of unknown sex)
- Companies or individuals (with full affiliations) from which unusual materials were obtained are provided
- Experimental Design and Statistical Analysis are reported

Results:

- Statistical tests are named and test statistics (e.g., t- or F-values) are reported

Discussion:

- Word count is ≤ 1500

Figures, Extended Data and Multimedia:

- Each figure is in a separate TIFF (300 dpi) or EPS file
- Each figure in either RGB color mode or Grayscale format
- Individual files are provided for multimedia (MP4) and 3D models (U3D)
- A preview image for each video/3D model (EPS or TIFF, 300 DPI) best capturing the main point.
- All illustrations submitted at the size they should be published
- Graphs and figures do not have gridlines or top/right borders

Tables and Extended Data:

- Each table is numbered and mentioned in the manuscript
- A legend and title are provided for each table

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