

Formatting of Abstracts

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Use the following guidelines:

Word Limit: Maximum 300

Title: Upper case, bold type, Arial letter type (font size = 14), left aligned.

Author names: Bold type, initials followed by last name, no space between initials, left aligned (Font size = 12).

Affiliations: Italics, left aligned. Use a single line for each affiliation. Should contain the name of the institution, city and country (Font size = 10).

Body of Abstract: Times New Roman letter type (Font size = 12).

Acknowledgement: May be included in italics keeping one line spacing after the body of the paragraph.

Keywords: Keep one line spacing after acknowledgement and include 3-5 keywords left aligned. The word '**Keyword**' should be in bold. Start first letter of the first word with uppercase letter, each word separated by a comma. Do not use italics.

Email addresses: Indicate the email address of the corresponding author in italics, after keywords without keeping one line spacing. Left align the email address.

Illustrations: Do **not** include figures, tables or any type of illustrations in the abstract.

Important: In addition to one-page short abstract written according to the above guidelines, submit a two-three page extended abstract including sections: Title, Introduction, Methods & Materials, Results & Discussion, Conclusion and a few key references. The extended abstract will not be published.

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Supplementary Guidelines for Abstracts

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Units: Use the international system of units (SI). Keep a single space between two types of units. Do not indicate units as divisions, and instead, use a negative exponent.

E.g.: kg m J mol⁻¹ K⁻¹

kg m⁻³ (kg/m³ is not acceptable.)

Note: 1. Although the SI unit of concentration is mol m⁻³, mol dm⁻³ (or M) unit is acceptable. Use the unit selected consistently.

2. Although the SI unit of volume is m³, small volumes of solutions are usually expressed in mL, which is acceptable. However, ml is not acceptable.

Nomenclature: Follow IUPAC nomenclature for chemical compounds, Follow binomial system of nomenclature for scientific names

Mathematical operations and mathematical equations: Keep a single space before and after arithmetic operation symbols. Also keep a single space before and after '=' sign

E.g.: 3 + 5 = 8 3 - 5 = -2

3 × 5 = 15 (Use the multiplication symbol, and do not use the letter x or * for multiplication.)

3 ÷ 5 = 0.6

Scientific notation: Express very small and very large numbers in scientific notation. Do not keep any space before and after '×' sign as this does not represent multiplication.

E.g.: 0.000507 to be written as 7.05×10⁻⁴

340000 to be written as 3.4×10⁵

Expression of scientific results: Keep a single space between the magnitude and the unit of a particular quantity.

E.g.: $5.00 \times 10^5 \text{ N m}^{-2}$

Trace level concentrations: Use mg L^{-1} (liquids) and mg kg^{-1} (solids) instead of 'ppm'; Use $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ (liquids) and $\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$ (solids) instead of 'ppb'.

Expression of temperature: Use degree symbol for temperature in centigrade.

E.g.: $25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ (Do not use $25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$)

Significant figures: In reporting experimental measurements, do not keep digits that are not significant (*i.e.*, do not keep digits beyond the precision of the scale of the instrument).

E.g.: 4.6567 to be reported as 4.66 if the scale used is precise up to the second decimal place.

Inequalities: Keep a single space before and after inequalities.

E.g.: $x < 5$ $y > 7$ $P \leq 5$ (Underlining inequality sign '≤' is not acceptable.)

Parenthesis: Keep a single space before and after parenthesis. However, do not keep space between the first letter/symbol inside the parenthesis.

E.g.: The magnitude of x is less than five ($x < 5$).

Trigonometric functions: Keep a single space after trigonometric function symbols.

E.g.: $\sin x$ $\tan y$ $\tan^{-1}(x + y)$

Presentation of significance results: Set in parentheses, lowercase p, Italics, Space on both sides of equal sign and both sides of less than sign, exact value of *p* not reported; *p* rounded up to a more conservative value from the set {0.05, 0.01, 0.005, 0.001, 0.0005, 0.0001}

E.g.: ($p < 0.0005$)

