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Author's Instructions for Preparation of Manuscripts

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All manuscripts will be organized as follows:

- Page 1 – Title, Author(s), Running Head, Abstract
- Page 2 and remainder – Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results, Discussion, Acknowledgments, Literature Cited, Tables, Figure Legends, Figures.

STYLE. The CBE Manual for Authors, Editors, and Publishers, 6th ed. is used for editorial decisions with regard to style. Manuscripts should be typewritten using 1 inch margins on 8.5 x 11 inch paper. Text should be left-justified using elite print (twelve characters per inch). Three copies should be submitted. Manuscript should be double-spaced throughout, including the title and abstract. Arabic numerals should be used in preference to words when the number designates anything that can be counted or measured (7 samples, 43 species). One exception to this use is that numerals are not used to begin a sentence (Twenty-one species were found in . . .). The 2nd exception is when 2 numeric expressions are adjacent in a sentence. The number easiest to express in words should be spelled out and the other left in numeric form (The sections were divided into eight 4-acre plots.).

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INTRODUCTION. The introduction should describe the knowledge that gave rise to the question examined by, or the hypothesis posed for the research.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS. Colleagues and/or sources of financial support to whom thanks are due for assistance rendered in completion of the research or preparation of the manuscript should be recognized in this section rather than in the body of the text.

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Author(s). Year. Article title. Journal title volume number (issue number): inclusive pages.

Thomison JB. 1988. Uniform requirements for manuscripts. *South Med J* 81(8):947-52.

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Author(s). Year. Title. Place of publication: publisher name. Number of pages.

Voet D, Voet JG. 1990. *Biochemistry*. New York: J Wiley. 1223 p.

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