

Guide for Authors

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Body: to contain the primary message, with clear lines of thought and validation of the techniques described.

Conclusion

Acknowledgements (when appropriate)

References

Appendices (when appropriate)

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[1] Van der Geer J, Hanraads JAJ, Lupton RA. The art of writing a scientific article. *J Sci Commun* 2000;163:51–9.

[2] Strunk Jr W, White EB. *The elements of style*. 3rd ed. New York: Macmillan; 1979.

[3] Mettam GR, Adams LB. How to prepare an electronic version of your article. In: Jones BS, Smith RZ, editors. *Introduction to the electronic age*, New York: E-Publishing Inc; 1999, p. 281–304.

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