

AUTHOR GUIDELINES

Pollution and Diseases — International Scientific Journal

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These Author Guidelines provide detailed instructions for preparing and submitting manuscripts to *Pollution and Diseases*. Authors are strongly encouraged to read them carefully before submitting their work.

1. Scope of the Journal

Pollution and Diseases publishes peer-reviewed research on the interactions between environmental pollution and disease processes in humans, animals, and ecosystems. Manuscripts should address topics within ecology, infectious ecology, geography, toxicology, environmental sciences, public health, or related fields. The journal welcomes interdisciplinary work, field observations, localized pollution events, emerging risks, and historically significant scientific materials.

2. Types of Articles Accepted

The journal considers the following categories:

2.1. Research Articles

Full-length original studies presenting novel scientific findings.

2.2. Short Communications

Concise reports of significant findings requiring rapid dissemination.

2.3. Field Notes and Case Reports

Documented observations of pollution events, disease outbreaks, or ecological disruptions, especially from regions with limited monitoring.

2.4. Review Articles

Comprehensive analyses of current knowledge relevant to pollution and disease.

2.5. Conceptual and Methodological Papers

Innovative hypotheses, frameworks, and analytical approaches.

2.6. Repository Contributions

Historical or archival materials of scientific value accompanied by a scholarly introduction.

2.7. Discussion Papers

Expert opinions and scientifically grounded commentary on emerging issues.

3. Manuscript Submission

Manuscripts are submitted electronically through the journal's submission system (OJS). All submissions must be original, previously unpublished, and not under consideration elsewhere.

3.1. Corresponding Author

The corresponding author is responsible for communication during the submission and peer-review process and must ensure that all co-authors approve the final version of the manuscript.

3.2. Pre-Submission Checklist

Before submitting, authors must confirm:

- The manuscript fits the journal's scope.
- The text follows journal formatting guidelines.
- Figures, tables, and supplementary files are prepared correctly.
- Ethical considerations are addressed (see Section 11).
- All authors' contributions are clearly defined (CRediT taxonomy recommended).
- A conflict-of-interest statement is included.
- Funding information is provided when applicable.

4. Manuscript Structure

All manuscripts should be written in clear, professional English.

4.1. Required Sections for Research Articles

- Title
- Author names and affiliations
- Abstract (up to 250 words)
- Keywords (5–8 terms)
- Introduction
- Materials and Methods
- Results
- Discussion
- Conclusions
- Acknowledgments (optional)
- Funding information
- Conflicts of interest
- Data availability statement
- References

4.2. Short Communications

Should not exceed 3000 words and may follow a simplified structure.

4.3. Review Articles

No fixed length; authors may organize the structure as appropriate.

4.4. Field Notes

May include nontraditional data formats, photographs, or geospatial information.

5. Formatting Requirements

- Manuscripts must be submitted in Word (.docx) or LaTeX (.tex).
- Use standard font (12 pt), double spacing, and numbered pages.
- Use SI units consistently.
- Figures should be high resolution (at least 300 dpi).
- Tables must be editable (not images).
- Supplementary materials should be submitted as separate files.

6. Abstract and Keywords

Abstract

Should summarize the objectives, methods, results, and significance of the study in a single paragraph.

Keywords

Provide 5–8 terms that describe the central topics of the work.

7. References

The journal follows the **Vancouver reference style**.

Examples:

- Journal article: Lastname AB, Lastname CD. Title. Journal. Year;Volume(Issue):Pages.
- Book: Lastname EF. Title. Edition. City: Publisher; Year.
- Online source: Organization. Title [Internet]. Year [cited YYYY MMM DD]. Available from: URL.

All references must be cited in the text using numeric superscripts or brackets.

8. Figures and Tables

Figures

- Must be uploaded as separate image files.
- Acceptable formats: PNG, JPG, TIFF, PDF (vector).
- Each figure must have a clear caption.

Tables

- Should be placed at the end of the manuscript or in the text.
- Each table must have a title and legend.

9. Data Availability

Authors must provide a **Data Availability Statement** indicating where datasets underlying the article can be accessed. Public repositories are strongly encouraged.

Examples:

- “Data are available in Dryad.”
- “Data are available from the corresponding author upon reasonable request.”

10. Funding and Conflicts of Interest

All funding sources must be disclosed.

Authors must declare any potential conflicts of interest, including financial, professional, or personal relationships that may influence the work.

11. Ethical Considerations

Authors must follow ethical standards for:

- research involving humans or animals;
- field research in protected areas;
- use of archival materials;
- geospatial data with sensitive content.

Ethics approval from relevant institutions must be documented when applicable.

12. Peer-Review Process

All submissions undergo **double-blind peer review** by at least two independent experts.

Editorial decisions may include acceptance, revision, or rejection.

Review timelines are designed to support timely publication.

13. Publication Fees

The journal supports equitable access to publication.

Publication fees may be **waived** for authors working in regions affected by conflict, limited resources, or other challenging conditions.

Requests should include a brief explanation.

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- Authors will receive proofs for correction.
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