

COST-BISTS: Handbook Article structure

General: Please follow these simple guidelines closely to avoid a lot of editing.

For the text use:

Size: A4

Format: single column

Fonts: Times New Roman size 12

Margins: All 2.5cm

➔ Text should be written in third person

Subdivision - numbered sections

Chapters should be numbered according to their chapter number (see list of handbook chapters)

Divide your article into clearly defined and numbered sections. Subsections should be numbered 1.1 (then 1.1.1, 1.1.2, ...), 1.2, etc. (for chapter 1). Use this numbering also for internal cross-referencing; do not just refer to 'the text'. Any subsection must be given a brief heading. Each heading should appear on its own separate line. Add an empty line before and after the heading. Do NOT use more than four levels. For tables and figures use: Table 1.1; Fig. 1.1, etc. For equations use Eq. (1.1) (again for chapter 1).

➔ Use up to four levels of numbering.

Appendices

If there is more than one appendix, they should be identified as A, B, etc. Formulae and equations in appendices should be given separate numbering: Eq. (A.1), Eq. (A.2), etc. Similarly for tables and figures: Table A.1; Fig. A.1, etc.

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Electronic artwork

General points

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Regardless of the application used, when your electronic artwork is finalized, please 'save as' or convert the images to one of the following formats (note the resolution requirements for line drawings, halftones, and line/halftone combinations given below):

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Reference style

Text: Use Harvard style. All citations in the text should refer to:

1. Single author: the author's surname (without initials) and the year of publication in

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2. Two authors: both authors' surnames and the year of publication in parenthesis;

3. Three or more authors: first author's name followed by "et al." and the year of publication in parenthesis.

Citations may be made directly (or parenthetically) separated by a colon (;). Groups of references should be listed first alphabetically, then chronologically.

Examples: 'as demonstrated in wheat (Allan, 2000a; 2000b; Allan and Jones, 1999)....'

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List: References should be arranged first alphabetically and then further sorted chronologically if necessary. More than one reference from the same author(s) in the same year must be identified by the letters 'a', 'b', 'c', etc., placed after the year of publication.

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Geer J., Haralds J.A., Lupton R.A., The art of writing a scientific article. Journal of Scientific Communication, 2010;163:51–59.

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Strunk W., White E.B., The elements of style. 4th ed. New York: Longman; 2000.

Reference to a chapter in an edited book:

Mettam G.R., Adams L.B., How to prepare an electronic version of your article. In: Jones BS, Smith R.Z., Editors. Introduction to the electronic age. New York: E-Publishing Inc; 2009, p.p. 281–304.

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