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EDITOR'S POINT OF VIEW



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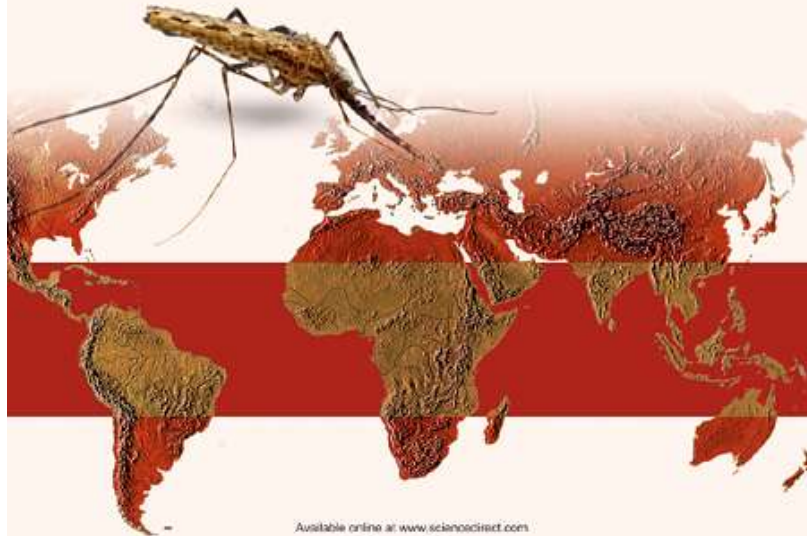
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Its scope includes the biology of pathogens and vectors, etc.....

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Article Publication Flowchart



At least 3 months

Editor Main Menu

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Editor: Information about a manuscript

Step 3

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Manuscript Summary

Title		
Manuscript Number:		
Article Type:	Research Paper	
Section/Category:	Protozoans(excl. Plasmodium spp), pathogenesis; diagnosis, eco-epidemiology, genetics, vectors, immu	
Keywords:		
Corresponding Author:		
First Author:		
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Cover Letter - Example



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I/We wish to submit an original research article entitled “[title of article]” for consideration by [journal name].

I/We confirm that this work is original and has not been published elsewhere, nor is it currently under consideration for publication elsewhere.

In this manuscript, we show that _____.

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In this manuscript, we show that.....

Do not simply copy the abstract!

Mention the important results!

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Explain the significance/novelty of the work in face of the problem addressed.



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My approach as an editor



1. I overview of the entire manuscript

- Is it within the scope of the Journal?
- Does it follow the instructions specified in the Guide for Authors?
- Figures: number and quality OK?

Important points in Acta Tropica's Guide for Authors

- Front Page format
- Abstract and Keywords
- Highlights
- Authors' Citation in the text (Authors' names OR numbers?)
- Continuous line numbering (from page 1 to the end of the list of references)

Abstract and Keywords

Abstract (~250 words)

- Respect the **number** of words (200-250 words)
- One sentence to focus the problem is **enough**
- Report **quantitative** results (**avoid**: increase, high level, major....)
- Conclusions and/or perspectives
- **Avoid** References
- **Avoid** Abbreviations (unless you define them)

Keywords

Note: Keywords will be used for indexing purposes!

- Name of the organism/Process etc.
- Use abbreviations **only** if widely used (Ex. PCR)

Highlights



- Mandatory for some journals
- They help increase the discoverability of your article via search tools
- 3-5 Bullet points that describe the **novel results** of the study
- Number of characters (85 for Acta Tropica)

Forbidden:

- Description of the problem
- Aim of the study
- Methodology



Frequent failures



- Authors' Citation in the text – Follow the Guide for Authors!!!!
Authors' names; chronology
OR
Numbers: []; superscript.
- Number the pages
- Submit the manuscript with **double line spacing and with continuous line numbering**
Note: **From page 1 to the end of the list of references!!!!**

I return the manuscript to the authors – MINOR REVISION

Suggest Reviewers

Suggest 3 to 5 potential reviewers:

They must be experts in the topic

They must have geographic representation

They must NOT be current or prior collaborators

Provide Name; Institution, Country and email address

In general, I do not invite reviewers from the same country as the authors....

Article Publication Flowchart



At least 3 months

Editorial Manager



- Duplicate submission
- Plagiarism
- Resubmission of a rejected manuscript
- Others
- Artificial Intelligence

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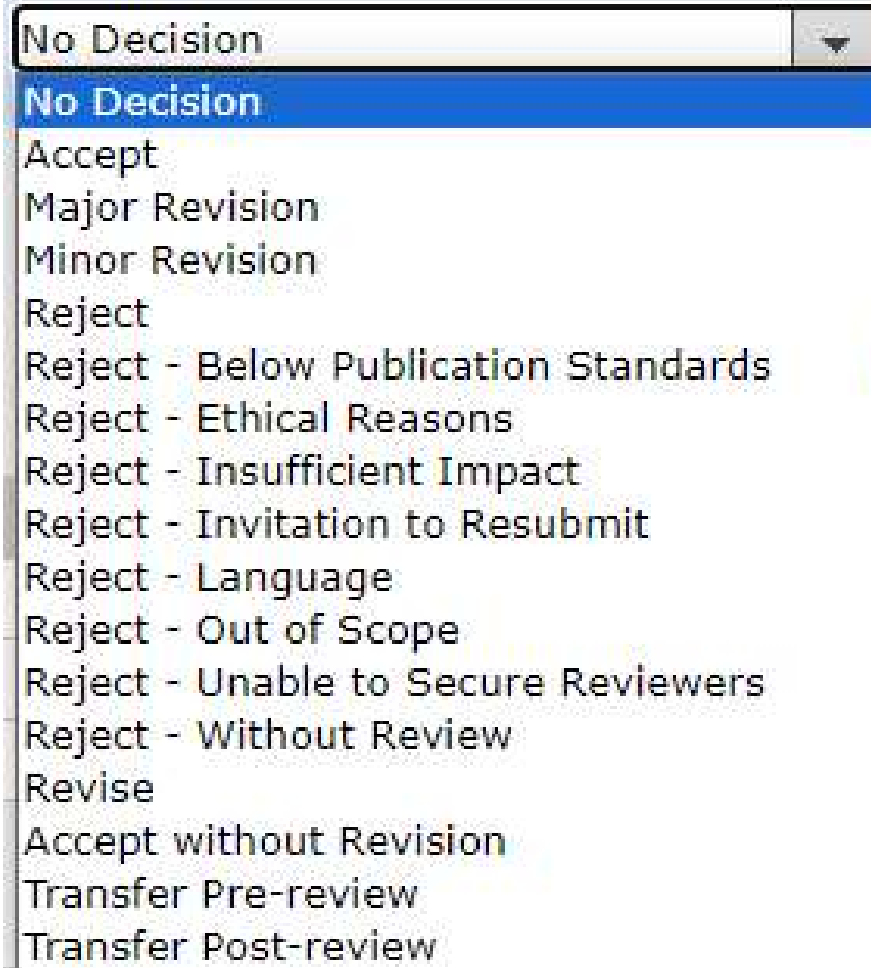
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Hard Time!!!

Peer Review Process



Final decision



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- No Decision
- Accept
- Major Revision
- Minor Revision
- Reject
- Reject - Below Publication Standards
- Reject - Ethical Reasons
- Reject - Insufficient Impact
- Reject - Invitation to Resubmit
- Reject - Language
- Reject - Out of Scope
- Reject - Unable to Secure Reviewers
- Reject - Without Review
- Revise
- Accept without Revision
- Transfer Pre-review
- Transfer Post-review

Tips

✓ **A scientific article is not a PhD thesis!!!!**

- **Title**

1. Should be descriptive, direct, accurate, appropriate, interesting, concise, precise, unique, and should not be misleading.

2. Avoid unfamiliar abbreviations

Ex. The role of ABPC in the XYZ process of *Desmodus rotundus*

3. Avoid long titles

Ex. Study of the variation in the intensity of ultraviolet light in the germination of transgenic XPTO seeds grown in a greenhouse with a temperature variation between 28 and 37 oC.

4. Avoid the “words”

Study on....; Comparison of...; Evaluation of..... etc.

This also applies to the PhD or Master thesis.....



Tips

- ✓ **A scientific article is not a PhD thesis!!!!**



2. References

1. Carefully choose the References for the Introduction and Discussion
2. Reference: total Number and Relevance (**Scientific article versus Review**)
3. Avoid old references. Cite recent articles and reviews.

Tips

- ✓ **A scientific article is not a PhD thesis!!!!**



3. Materials and Methods

1. Describe in detail (but not too many...) ONLY procedures strictly necessary to understand the study.
2. For other procedures just mention:
“Cell culture was performed according to Arruda et al. (2020)”.

Tips

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4. Figures and Tables

1. Not too many.

You may show them as Supplementary Material

2. Good Tables and Good Figures

3. Explanatory legends to the Figures. IMPORTANT.

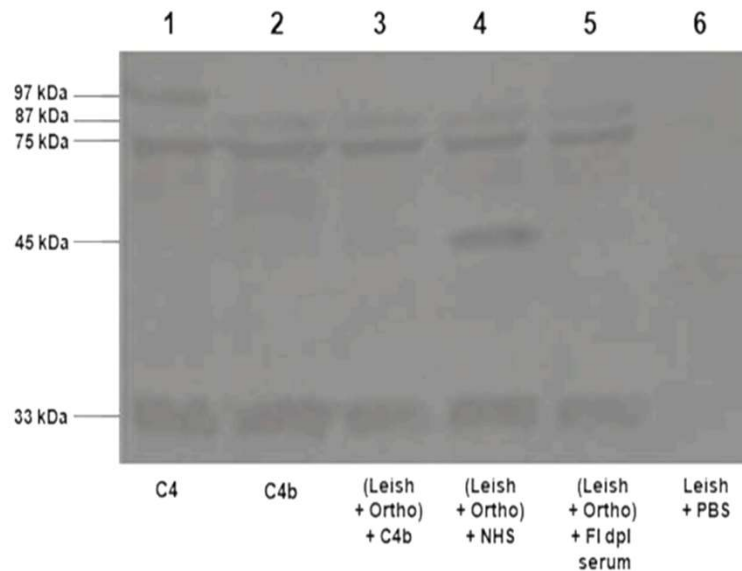


Tips

Figure captions

Figure captions should be standalone, i.e., descriptive enough to be understood without having to refer to the main text.

The caption must contain a brief description of the methodological approach used in the experiments. <https://www.internationalscienceediting.com/how-to-write-a-figure-caption/>



Legend 1. Western blot of Leishmania extracts

Legend 2.

C4b inactivation on the *L. infantum* promastigotes surface can occur by the C4bBP uptake mechanism. On the surface of parasites treated with orthophenanthroline (a GP63 inhibitor), C4bBP molecules present in the NHS can be taken up and interact with C4b and Factor I, also present in the serum, inactivating C4b to iC4b. In the figure, the text in parentheses refers to the pre-treatment carried out on the parasites before they were used to prepare the samples applied in each lane. Lanes 1–2 have purified C4 and purified C4b. Lane 3: *L. infantum* promastigotes pre-treated with orthophenanthroline were incubated with purified soluble C4b. Lane 4: *L. infantum* promastigotes pre-treated with orthophenanthroline were followed by incubation with NHS. Lane 5: *L. infantum* promastigotes were pre-treated with orthophenanthroline

Legend 3. Intermediate text

Tips

5. Others

1. English revision!!!!

Grammar etc. - native English speaker; specialized Company
Proofread the entire manuscript several times

2. Statistical analysis

3. Check the References!!!!

4. Ask experts to read the article. Comments and corrections are welcome



