

## **Instructions to the Authors**

### **General information**

Manuscripts should be submitted in English as A4 double-spaced pages with 2.5 cm margins. Please submit three (3) copies of the manuscript, complete with tables, figures and high quality illustrations.

### **Title page**

The format for the title page is as follows: a) Article title, b) Initials and last name of authors, c) Affiliation of authors, d) Running title: abbreviated title up to 60 letters, e) Correspondence author's details (including telephone, fax and e-mail address).

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Manuscripts must be accompanied by an abstract of up to 200 words, on a separate page. A list of up to six keywords should be supplied.

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References should be arranged in alphabetical order by authors' names. The full title of each reference should be given, together with inclusive page numbers. Journal titles should be abbreviated in accordance with standard world lists. The style for references and text citations should follow that shown in the current issue of this Journal. For example:

Afzelius, B.A., Bellon, P.L., Lanzavecchia, S., 1990. Microtubules and their protofilaments in the flagellum of an insect spermatozoon. *J. Cell. Sci.* 95, 207-217.

Jamieson, B.G.M., Afzelius, B.A., Dallai, R., 1999. *Insects: Their Spermatozoa and Phylogeny*. Science Publishers, Enfield, NH, 555, 105-112.

### **Tables**

Tables should be numbered consecutively with arabic numbers and referred to in the text as "Table 1", "Table 2" and so on. Each table should be printed with its legend on a separate page after the references.

### **Figures**

All illustrations, whether figures or photographs, should be numbered with arabic numbers in one sequence and referred to in the text as "Figure 1", "Figure 2" and so on. Figures (line drawings, graphs etc.) should be prepared in a form suitable for reduction to a maximum of 240 x 175 mm. The width of a single column in the Journal is 85 mm. Original artwork must not exceed 305 x 229 mm. Figures should be fully labeled.

Figure captions should be concise but informative. They should be listed on a separate page and placed at the end of the manuscript (after Tables, before Figures).

Three (3) complete sets of photographs should be submitted on glossy paper. Photographs should be labeled, using either black or white lettering. Magnifications should be indicated by using scale bars in each photograph. Authors should submit half-tone illustrations (light or electron micrographs) singly or grouped into composite plates to a maximum size of 240 x 176 mm.

**Short communications**

The Editor will endeavour to expedite handling of short communications of up to 2000 words and accompanied by up to 1.5 pages of diagrams and/or half-tone illustrations. Instructions for preparation of manuscripts (above) apply equally to short notes, and particular care should be given to preparation of micrographs, to ensure prompt publication of accepted manuscripts.