

## AUTHOR GUIDELINES

- Both abstract and extended abstract should be submitted for the evaluation process.
- Submissions will undergo a double-blind peer-review process.
- Authors must declare any conflicts of interest in the cover letter.
- Accepted abstracts will be published in the “Chemistry in Sri Lanka” periodical and deposited in the Institute of Chemistry Ceylon digital repository. The extended abstract will only be used for the peer evaluation process.

## GUIDELINES FOR PREPARATION OF ABSTRACT

Adhere to the following guidelines in compiling the abstract:

- Page margins: 3.0 cm for left margin and 2.5 cm for all other margins
- Title of the abstract: Times New Roman, boldface, 14-point font size
  - a. The title should be brief and reflect the study reported. Capital letters should be used only for the first letter in the first word of the title and proper nouns.
  - b. Title should appear at the beginning of both abstract and the extended abstract. Authors’ names and affiliations should not appear on pages carrying the abstract and the extended abstract.
  - c. The title page should be submitted separately with the title, names of all authors and the affiliations
- Names of authors: Times New Roman, 12-point font size
  - a. Initials followed by the last name is required for all authors in any order of preference.
  - b. Capital letters should be used only for the initials and the first letters of the surnames of authors.
  - c. The corresponding author is considered as the principal author and indicated by placing asterisk sign at the end of the name.
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The institute's address, where the work has been carried out should be clearly stated. In case the work has been carried out in several institutes / Departments, the addresses should be numbered using a superscript at the start of each author’s name.
- The title, authors’ names, and their affiliations (addresses) should be centered.
- Keep a single line spacing between the title and names of authors, and between the names of authors and their affiliations.
- Keep two-line spacings before typing the Abstract.
- The abstract should be presented in Times New Roman, 12-point regular font size with single line spacing.
- Abstracts should clearly state the purpose, brief statement of procedure, results, and conclusions.
- Abstracts should be a single paragraph with a maximum of 250 – 300 words. Specific abbreviations should be defined; equations should be included only if necessary; and four keywords must be provided.

- Acknowledgments: Should be limited to funding source/s and should be stated in one sentence.
- If the Abstract is accepted for publishing, the provided template should be used to submit the final electronic version for publishing.

## **GUIDELINES FOR PREPARATION OF EXTENDED ABSTRACT**

Adhere to the following guidelines in compiling the extended abstract:

The extended abstract should be between 1000-1500 words. Additionally, a maximum of three tables and figures altogether can be included.

Paper size: A4

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Font: Times New Roman

Font size: 12

Line spacing: Single

Number of pages: 2-3

Page numbering: Bottom right

The text should be organized under the following subheadings:

1. Title
2. Introduction – (with objectives)
3. Materials and Methods
4. Results & Discussion
6. Conclusion/s – (with outcomes)
7. Figures and Tables, if any, should be very clear and should be included within the given page limit.
8. References (3 -5 references are allowed, and citations should follow ACS style guidelines).