

# Guidelines for the publication of manuscripts in Revista Brasileira de Farmacognosia

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## 1. GENERAL RULES

**1.1** All submitted manuscripts should be unpublished. The simultaneous submission of manuscripts describing the same work to other journals is not acceptable. The rights of publication are reserved, including translations; subsequent publication is allowed with the citation of the source.

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**1.7** All plant materials used in the described research should be supported by an indication of the site (including GPS coordinates, if possible) and country of origin, the name of the person identifying the plant material and the location of the voucher specimen. Authors should be prepared to provide documentary evidence that approval for collection was afforded from an appropriate authority in the country of collection.

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**2.1** The author(s) should retain a copy (electronic and paper) of the submitted manuscript, in the event the loss or damage to the original sent to the journal.

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**2.3** Tables and charts should be presented after the References and numbered consecutively using Arabic numbers. The tables (numeric data) should not be closed by side lines. The respective captions should be clear, concise, without abbreviations and located above the table. There should be an indication of the approximate position in the text where tables or charts should be placed, preferentially, just after their citation in the body of the manuscript.

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**3.3 Reviews** will generally be invited by the Editor-in-Chief. They should be as concise as possible and do not need to include experimental details. The main purpose of reviews is to provide a concise, accurate introduction to the subject matter and inform the reader critically of the latest developments in this area.

**3.4** In addition to the Guidelines, a template (for original papers) and a sample letter are available at [www.sbfgnosia.org.br/revista](http://www.sbfgnosia.org.br/revista). Authors are urged to follow these formats when preparing a manuscript.

**3.5** The originals should be printed on A4 size paper, double spaced using Times New Roman font, font size 12, fully justified, and with margins of 2 cm. They should have a maximum of fifteen and a minimum of five pages including figures, tables and charts.

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**3.9 Abstract:** A brief and concise abstract (maximum 200 words) of the article, in either the Portuguese and English language, highlighting the more important information, the methodology, the results, and the conclusions. This will allow the reader to evaluate their interest in the article and thus avoid having to read the full work. For authors outside Brazil, the abstract in Portuguese will be done by the journal.

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**3.12 Material and methods:** The description of the material and the methods used should be brief, but sufficiently clear to make possible the comprehension and the reproducibility of the work. Processes and techniques already published, unless extensively modified, should be referenced.

**3.13 Results:** The Results should be presented with a minimum personal discussion or interpretation, and whenever possible, be accompanied by adequate tables and figures. The data, when pertinent, should be submitted to statistical analysis.

**3.14 Discussion:** The Discussion must be restricted to the significance of the obtained data and the achieved results, avoiding conclusions not based on them. Alternatively, at the discretion of the author, the Results and Discussion could be presented in one section.

**3.15 Acknowledgements:** This is an optional item and should appear before the references.

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The formatting of references should be standardized to conform to the requirements of the journal as outlined:

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**4.2** The references should be presented in alphabetical order by the last name of the first author, in lower case in ascending order of the publication date. Take into consideration the following possibilities:

**4.2.1 Article from a periodical:** Title of the periodical in italics abbreviated conform *Chemical Abstracts Service Source Index* (<http://www.cas.org/sent.html>). In the case of the authorized abbreviation of a certain periodical can not be located and it is not obvious, the title should be cited complete (*e.g.*):

Vargas TOH 1996. Fatores climáticos responsáveis pela morte de borboletas na região sul do Brasil. *Rev Bras Assoc Entomol* 11: 100-105.

In case the cited journal can not be easily accessible, it is recommended to present its Chemical Abstract Number, as follows:

Qu W, Li J, Wang M 1991. Chemical studies on *Helicteres isora* L. *Zhongguo Yaoke Daxue Xuebao* 22: 203-206, apud *Chemical Abstracts* 116: 124855r.

In a citation in a citation the sources should be shown in italics:

Wax ET 1977. Antimicrobial activity of Brazilian medicinal plants. *J Braz Biol Res* 41: 77-82, apud *Nat Prod Abs* 23: 588-593, 1978.).

### 4.2.2 Book:

Costa AF 1996. *Farmacognosia*. Lisboa: Calouste Gulbenkian.

### 4.2.3 Book chapter:

Farias CRM, Ourinho EP 1999. Restauração dentária. In Goldaman GT (org.) *A nova odontologia* 5. ed. Rio de Janeiro: Guanabara Koogan, p. 95-112.

### 4.2.4 Thesis or dissertation materials: Example 1.

Lima N 1991. *Influência da ação dos raios solares na germinação do nabo selvagem*. Campinas, 755 p. Tese de Doutorado, Faculdade de Ciências Agrárias, Universidade Estadual de Campinas.

Romero MAV 1997. *Estudo químico de Brunfelsia hopeana Benth e do mecanismo de ação da escopoletina*. João Pessoa, 119 p. Dissertação de Mestrado, Programa de Pós-graduação em Produtos Naturais, Universidade Federal da Paraíba.

### 4.2.5 Congress:

Thomas G, Selak M, Henson PM 1996. Estudo da fração aquosa do extrato etanólico das folhas de *Cissampelos sympodialis* em neutrófilos humanos. *XIV Simpósio de Plantas Medicinais do Brasil*. Florianópolis, Brasil.

**4.2.6 Patents:** Should be identified as indicated below, whenever possible the Chemical Abstracts Service number should be informed.

Ichikawa M, Ogura M, Lijima T 1986. Antiallergic flavones glycoside from *Kalanchoe pinnatum*. *Jpn. Kokai Tokyo Koho JP* 61,118,396, apud *Chemical Abstracts* 105: 178423q.

### 4.2.7 Internet pages:

Taylor L 2000. *Plant based drugs and medicines*. <http://www.raintree.com/plantdrugs.htm>, access in outubro 2009.

## 5. ABBREVIATIONS

Units will be in accordance with the International System (SI) as adopted by the 11th General Conference on Weights and Measures. Common abbreviations to be used are: m meter; ppm parts per million; cm centimeter; cpm counts per minute; mm millimeter; dpm disintegrations per minute;  $\mu$ m micrometer; nm nanometer; kg kilogram; g gram; mg milligram;  $\mu$ g microgram; ng nanogram; LD50 medial lethal dose; mL milliliter; LC50 medial lethal concentration;  $\mu$ L micro liter; Hz hertz; s

seconds; M molar; min minutes; mM millimolar; h hours; M molar;  $\mu$ M micro molar; SD standard deviation; N normal; SE standard error; Ci Curie; TLV threshold limit value; X mean When using a word that is or is asserted to be a proprietary term or trade mark, authors must use the symbol ®.

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**7.4** The qualification of the manuscript will be certified by at least two referees' indicated by the Editorial Board.

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The journal will cover totally the costs of publication of papers of up to fifteen pages, including tables and figures. Above this number of pages, the expenses will be charged to the author(s). Color pictures will not be accepted, unless the author(s) covers the extra expenses for their publication, independent of the number of pages of the article.

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