

GUIDE FOR AUTHORS 2016

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INTRODUCTION

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Types of Articles

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calibrations. Specific instructions are available at http://palaeo-electronica.org/content/files/guide_for_authors_fcs.pdf.

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2. Do not justify the right margin.
3. Figures, Tables, and Appendices must be cited in numerical order in the text.
4. Do not use footnotes.

Title Page

1. Use a separate title page.
2. The title should be short and informative, left justified with only the first letter capitalized, except for proper nouns.
3. Provide up to 6 keywords for use in indexing. The [Keyword Index](#) shows how your keywords will be used. If you describe new taxa, please use the keywords "new species", "new genus", etc., without giving the species or genus names. Keywords should be reported on your title page and entered separately in PEMSATS, each keyword separated by semicolons.

Author Page

1. Use a separate page to list the names of all authors, and all contact information. If the first author is not the corresponding author, please indicate so. (This page will be removed before the paper is sent to review.)
2. Names of authors are in capital and lowercase letters and left justified.
3. Addresses are in capitals and lowercase letters and left justified. Do not use abbreviations.

Abstract

1. The title ABSTRACT is written in capital letters and left justified at the top of its page.
2. On the next line an abstract no longer than 250 words must be provided.
3. The abstract should provide pertinent details of the research and conclusions. Authors should avoid statements such as "will be discussed herein." Do not include references.

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Authors must supply a plain language summary, which describes the context of their study and its main findings in language accessible to non-specialists.

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Short biographies and photos for each author must be supplied with final submission. These are entered separately in PEMSATS and should not be included in the manuscript text. Author photos should be supplied at 72 ppi and at least 300 pixels wide.

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Citing Figures, Tables and Appendices

1. **Figures, Tables, and Appendices must be numbered in the order they are cited in the text.** All material should be numbered. All graphics, including animations and plates, should be treated as Figures. All "supplemental information" should be organized into an Appendix.
2. Figures, Tables and Appendices should be cited using complete, capitalized words (e.g., Table 1; Figure 1).
3. Parts of text figures should be indicated by numbers (i.e., Figure 6.23, 8.1, 9.5–100).
4. Cited illustrations all from one figure are singular (e.g., Figure 1.1-4), but those from different figures are plural (e.g., Figures 1.1, 4.2).
5. Figures from other publications take all lowercase letters (e.g., Smith 1990, table 1; Jones 1992, figure 1).
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7. Figures will be placed in the text where they are first mentioned. Please do not cite a figure in the Introduction that you want to be placed in the Results section.

Headings

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- Third Order are bold, initial capital and lowercase, followed by a period and space, with the text continuing on the same line.

Generic Names

Generic names should be spelled out at the beginning of a sentence, at their first use in a paragraph, and when used with "sp." Specific and subspecific names should never be abbreviated. Generic names may be abbreviated when used in the combination of Genus cf. species.

Text Usage

1. Use italics sparingly. Taxonomic names are italicized; do not italicize commonly used foreign words and any other words found in standard English dictionaries. Names of journals, books, and ships are italicized.
2. Avoid using "this", "that", "those", or "these" without an accompanying noun or phrase. "This shows" is undesirable, "These results show" is preferred.
3. Use past tense for published works in the text: Jones (1986) noted that....
4. A comma should follow "i.e." and "e.g."
5. Do not break words at the right-hand margin.
6. Any symbol that is not available in HTML 4 must be written out. For a guide to symbols, see the W3 group's page at <http://www.w3.org/TR/REC-html40/sgml/entities.html>.
7. Do not use ampersand (&) except where it forms part of the title of a published book.
8. Use USA, EU, UK, USGS, and USSR.
9. Quoted words, phrases, and sentences run into the text are enclosed in double quotation marks. Single quotation marks enclose quotations within quotations, double quotations marks, quotations within these, and so on.
10. Formally proposed and accepted time and time-rock designations (e.g., Middle Cambrian, Late Cretaceous) are capitalized, whereas informal designations (e.g., middle Mesozoic, lower Eocene, middle Carboniferous, early Atokan, late Cenomanian) are not.
11. Abbreviations for intervals of time may be used, as follows:
Ma (mega-annum), m.y. (million years), m.y.a. (millions years ago), ka (kilo-annum), k.y. (thousand years), k.y.a (thousands years ago).

Numbers

1. Whole numbers zero through nine are spelled out, whereas numbers 10 and above should be in Arabic numerals. All numbers should be spelled out at the beginning of a sentence, and all numbers should be given in Arabic numerals when associated with a unit of measurement (5 km). Ordinal numbers are spelled out: during the twentieth century; the twenty-fifth issue. If listed entries in a sentence are to be designated by numbers, use the following format: 1)... ; 2)... ; 3).... Numbers are not spelled out when they are used in relation to figures or tables.
2. Decimals are used rather than fractions (2.5, not 2 1/2). Decimals of absolute value less than one should include an initial zero (0.36).
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4. Range can be given as "size is 17–33 mm"; however, "from" and "between" take sentence form: "size varies from 17 to 33 mm" or "size varies between 17 and 33 mm."
5. All measurements must be provided in SI units, μm , mm, cm, m, km, etc. Periods generally are not used. Units commonly accepted for use with SI are also acceptable, if they are commonly used in the relevant literature (e.g., 1.3 l for a volume of fluid). See http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Non-SI_units_accepted_for_use_with_SI

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Systematic Palaeontology

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Phylum CHORDATA Bateson, 1886

Class CONODONTA Pander, 1856

Order OZARKODINIDA Dzik, 1976

Family CAVUSGNATHIDAE Austin and Rhodes, 1981

Genus CAVUSGNATHUS Harris and Hollingsworth, 1933

Type Species.- *Cavusgnathus alta* Harris and Hollingsworth, 1933, by original designation.

Cavusgnathus hudsoni (Metcalf, 1981)

Figure 1.2-1.4

- v. 1969 *Cavusgnathus charactus* Rexroad; Rhodes, Austin, and Druce, p. 79, pl. 13, figs. 6, 7, 13.
- v. 1969 *Taphrognathus varians* Branson and Mehl; Rhodes, Austin and Druce, p. 241, pl. 13, figs. 4, 5.
- v. 1973 *Taphrognathus varians*; Austin, figs 1.20, 1.21 [cop. Rhodes, Austin and Druce, 1969, pl. 13, figs. 4, 5].
- vp. 1975 *Windsorgnathus windsorensis* (Globensky); Austin in Austin and Mitchell, p. 53, pl. 1, figs. 20, 23 only.
- non 1980 *Clydagnathus? hudsoni* Metcalfe, p. 19, pl. 1, figs. 8, 9.
- v* 1981 *Clydagnathus? hudsoni* Metcalfe, p. 19, pl. 1, fig. 5.

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In general, telegraphic style is preferred, but sometimes conversational style is more effective, especially for those taxa lacking standardized terminology. Reference to Figures is permitted in the description and diagnosis.

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Taxon Name

Synonymy

Type Species

Description

Remarks

Range

Occurrence

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4. Figure numbers in which the taxon is illustrated
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6. Geographic information about the type locality

Information about all new names should be entered into the same form field. Separate the six items above with semicolons (;) and end the list with a period or full stop (.).

Authors should not register new names in ZooBank themselves. Registration will be done by the editors.

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Reference to a quotation: (Smith, 1973, p. 16)

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Communication cited in a previously-published paper: (Smith, cited in Jones, 1973)

Initials are used only for disambiguation: (Smith, A.A., 1973; Smith, B.M., 1984)

Taxonomic authorities given in the text (i.e., outside a section Systematic Palaeontology) are also abbreviated using "et al." if there are more than two authors.

Confuziusornis jianchangensis Li et al., 2010

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All works cited in the text must be listed in the References section, including works cited as part of taxonomic names.

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 McIntosh, J.S. 1990a.

- McIntosh, J.S. 1990b.
McIntosh, J.S. 1995.
McIntosh, J.S. and Carpenter, K. 1998.
McIntosh, J.S., Miles, C.A., Cloward, K.C., and Parker, J.R. 1996a.
McIntosh, J.S., Miller, W.E., Stadtman, K.L., and Gillette, D.D. 1996b.
McIntosh, J.S. and Williams, M.E. 1988.

Articles in Journals:

- Ausich, W.I. and Kammer, T.W. 1990. Systematics and phylogeny of the late Osagean and Meramecian crinoids *Platycrinites* and *Eucladocrinus* from the Mississippian stratotype region. *Journal of Paleontology*, 64:759-778.
- Byrd, W.J. 1970. Geology of the Ely Springs Range, Lincoln County, Nevada. *Earth Science Bulletin*, 3:23-32.
- Kammer, T.W. 1985. Aerosol filtration theory applied to Mississippian deltaic crinoids. *Journal of Paleontology*, 59:551-580.

Book (single author):

- Mayr, E. 1963. *Animal Species and Evolution*. Harvard University Press, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Book (multiple authors):

- Draper, N. and Smith, H. 1981. *Applied Regression Analysis* (second edition). John Wiley & Sons, New York.

Article in an Edited Book:

- Eldredge, N. and Gould, S.J. 1972. Punctuated equilibria: an alternative to phyletic gradualism, p. 82-115. In Schopf, T.J.M. (ed.), *Models in Paleobiology*. Freeman, Cooper and Company, San Francisco.

Dissertation or Thesis:

- Hageman, S.J. 1992. *Morphometric approaches to systematics and microevolution: applications from Paleozoic Bryozoa*. Unpublished PhD Thesis, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois, USA.

Electronic References:

- Kiessling, W., Hendy, A., Villier, L., Fürsich, F., and Patzowsky, M. 2011. Echinoidea occurrence data, 6292 records downloaded 21 July 2011. Paleobiology Database. <http://PaleoDB.org/>

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Greenwalt, D.E., Wingerath, J.G., and Evenhuis, N.L. 2015. Two new and disparate fossil bee flies (Bombyliidae: Anthracinae) from the Americas and reassessment of *Anthrax dentoni* Lewis, 1969. *Palaeontologia Electronica* 18.3.51A: 1-10 palaeo-electronica.org/content/2015/1350-two-new-fossil-bee-flies

Non-Roman Alphabets:

Gorokhov, I.M., Semikhatov, M.A., and Drubetskoi, E.P. 1991. *Rb-Sr and K-Ar vozrast osadochnykh geochronometrov nizhnego rifeya Anabarskogo massiva*. *Izvestiya Akademii Nauk SSSR, Seriya Geologicheskaya*, 7:17-32. (In Russian)

Luo, Q.L. 1991. New data on the microplants from Changlongshan Formation of Upper Precambrian in western Yanshan Range. *Tianjin Institute of Geology and Mineral Resources Bulletin*, 25:107-118. (In Chinese with English abstract)

Field Guides (provide enough information to locate publication):

Cooper, J.D. 1981. Geology of the Eastern Puente Hills, p.35-54. In Woyski, M.S. (ed.), *1981 Tour and Field Guide. National Association of Geology Teachers Far Western Section*. Chevron Oil Field Research Company, Fullerton, California

Treatise on Invertebrate Paleontology:

Lane, N.G. 1978. Synecology, p. T343-T345. In Moore, R.C. and Teichert C. (eds), *Treatise on Invertebrate Paleontology, Part G, Echinodermata 2. Geological Society of America and University of Kansas Press*, Boulder, Colorado, and Lawrence, Kansas, 1-1027.

Robison, R.A. (ed.) 1983. *Treatise on Invertebrate Paleontology, Part G, Bryozoa, Revised. Geological Society of America and University of Kansas Press*, Lawrence, Boulder, Colorado and Lawrence, Kansas, 1-625.

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4. Manuscript text
5. Acknowledgements (removed for review)
6. References
7. Captions
8. Figures
9. Tables
10. Appendices

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3. abstract,
4. translated abstracts (OPTIONAL),
5. plain language summary,
6. body of the text,

7. acknowledgements,
8. references,
9. figure/table/appendix captions.

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Lengthy data subordinate to the text should be assembled into one or more separate, numbered appendices following the references. Files may be submitted as PDFs, word processor documents, spreadsheets, or other suitable kinds of files. **You are strongly encouraged to supply appendices as PDFs if they are larger than one page.** If submitting tables in spreadsheet format, single-worksheet files are required. If you submit a spreadsheet with several active worksheets, these may be lost during final formatting.

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Figure parts must be numbered, not lettered, for example Figure 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 (not Figure 1A, 1B, 1C).

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