

# Instructions for authors

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## 1. The submission stage



Authors have now to submit their manuscripts and all associated files via the web to the editorial office, and track the progress of their manuscript throughout the peer review process via the Manuscript Management System (MMS) available at <https://articlestatus.edpsciences.org/is/radiopro/>. Manuscripts should be sent in **Word and pdf format**. Please follow the instructions displayed on the screen after accessing the website.

## 2. Aims and scope

All papers should be in relation to radiation protection.

- *Review articles* – On a scientific, technical or legal subject in the field of radiation protection, they include up-to-date and consistent references (37 500 characters maximum, spaces included).
- *Articles* – Original works, including introduction, materials and methods, results, discussion and conclusion (30 000 characters maximum, spaces included).
- *Brief Notes* – Scientific or technical developments (10 000 characters maximum, spaces included).
- *Letters to the Editor* – Personal opinions or discussions on a published paper (2500 characters maximum, spaces included). The Editors may submit the text to the person involved and publish the answer in the same issue of the journal (must be given within one month).



**Figures and tables should be included in this account (a quarter page figure is about 1200 characters maximum, spaces included).**

## 3. The acceptance stage

Once accepted by the Editorial Board, the author will send his/her manuscript to EDP Sciences in Word, Wordperfect, McWrite, LaTeX or RTF format. At this stage, a PDF file is not sufficient. EDP Sciences should receive for each figure:

- One good-quality original; original prints are requested for photographs (returned on request).
- The “native” electronic files (one file per figure), using one of the following formats: eps (preferably), tiff, bmp or jpeg. Files should have a 300 dpi resolution.

## 4. Style guide

In order to make correspondence between authors and the production department easier, the author should provide with his/her manuscript: name and address, e-mail address, phone number...

### Title

It should be brief and informative. It must be followed by the authors' names and full postal addresses. The address should appear as:

- CEA, Laboratoire d'analyses de biologie médicale, ...
- IRSN, Laboratoire d'épidémiologie, ...

### Abstracts

About 200 words, in a single paragraph, it presents the content and the original data supplied, the main conclusions and any interesting numerical results.

### Keywords

The author should provide a maximum of five keywords. Keywords should be written in bold lowercase letters, separated by slashes: the plural form and uppercase letters should be avoided. An indicative list is available on EDP Sciences ([www.radioprotection.org](http://www.radioprotection.org)) and SFRP websites ([www.sfrp.asso.fr](http://www.sfrp.asso.fr)).

### Text

Footnotes should be kept to a minimum and numbered consecutively with Arabic numerals. Developments not essential to the understanding of the paper (details of calculations, etc.) should be given in appendices.

### Units and symbols

The international system of units (SI) should be used. Radionuclides should be written as caesium-137 or <sup>137</sup>Cs. Abbreviations should be defined when they first appear in the text. SI norms are available on [www.radioprotection.org](http://www.radioprotection.org).

### Illustrations

They should be kept to a minimum and supplied on separate sheets. Tables and figures should be numbered in growing Arabic numerals. Authors should write entire Table 1, Figure 1... in the text but abbreviated (Tab. 1), (Fig. 1) between brackets.

In the paper version of the journal, figures will be printed in black and white (at no cost) or in colour (prices available upon request). In the electronic version, the original colours of the figures will be reproduced at no extra cost. In case scanning is necessary, please provide good-quality originals for your figures.

Authors should cite in the text each table and figure. The typesetter makes the layout and put the illustrations as close as possible to their citation.

Authors should keep in mind that the final reproduction of their figures essentially depends on the originals.

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In order to guarantee good readability of the article, it is important to respect the following rules:

- The maximum printable size in Radioprotection is 18 × 23.5 cm: *i.e.*, for one figure, the maximal width is 18 cm and the maximal length is 23.5 cm, excluding caption.
- For best results, figures should be provided respecting the guidelines detailed below:
  - Final height of capital letters should be between 1.6 and 2.3 mm (10 to 12 points).
  - Avoid use of bold lettering.
  - Letter size should be homogeneous in all figures of the article.
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  - Tables should be kept in their simplest form, lines and columns being unambiguously identifiable.

### References

In the text, the reference should be indicated by the author's name and year of publication. If there is more than one author, indicate the first name followed by *et al.* If there is more than one reference cited together in the text, they should be listed in chronological order; Ex.: (Anderson *et al.*, 2001a, 2001b; Smith, 2004). All entries in the reference list must correspond to references in the text and *vice versa*. The reference list should be listed in alphabetical order at the end of the text and include:

For journals: Last name + initial of first name of authors (publication year), original title of paper, *Journal abbreviated title* **volume**, first-last page numbers:

- Anderson P. (2004) Determination of the gamma-ray effective dose, *Radioprotection* **39**, 262-265.
- Smith J. (2003) Radiation protection principles, *Health Phys.* **86**, 24-42.

For books: Author(s) (publication year) chapter's title. In: *Book's title*, subdivisions if necessary (editors' names, Eds) pp. first page-last page. Publisher, place of publication:

- Madic C., Genet M. (2001) Propriétés physiques et chimiques de l'uranium. Dans *L'Uranium, de l'environnement à l'Homme* (H. Métivier, Ed.) pp. 43-81, EDP Sciences, Les Ulis.
- Le Bellac (1991) *Quantum and Statistical Field Theory*. Oxford Sciences publications.

For conference proceedings: Author(s) (publication year) Original title of the paper. In: *title of the conference*, date, location, volume number if necessary (editors' names, Eds.) pp. first page-last page. Publisher, place of publication:

- Germain P., Guéguéniat P. (1993) Impact of industrial nuclear releases into the English Channel. In: *Environmental impact of nuclear installations*, September 15-18, 1992, Fribourg, numéro spécial de Radioprotection (Völkle H., Prêtre S., Eds) pp. 271-275. EDP Sciences, Les Ulis.

For the ICRP, IAEA, etc. publications: ICRP Publication followed by publication number (publication year) Original title of the communication. Publisher, place of publication:

- IAEA (2000) Bulletin de l'International Atomic Energy Agency 42, mars 2000, pp. 38-40.
- ICRP Publication 73 (1996) Radiological protection and safety in medicine, *Ann. ICRP* 26.

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