

# Instructions for Authors

## Aims and Scope

“Genes and Environment” is an official journal of the Japanese Environmental Mutagen Society (JEMS) and published every three months by the society. Papers are published in advance of printing, soon after acceptance, at J-STAGE. The journal publishes six types of manuscripts written in English in the fields of environmental mutagenesis, genomics and epigenetics. Genetic toxicology including risk evaluation for human health, validation studies on testing methods and subjects of guidelines for regulation of chemicals are also within its scope.

## A. Types of Manuscript

The journal publishes six types of papers as follows:

1. **Regular articles** report new, significant, innovative and original findings of fundamental and molecular studies. Results and conclusions of genotoxicity testing programs are also acceptable. However, very detailed testing results may only be published electronically (See C-6).
2. **Reviews** are usually solicited by the editorial board. Contemporary reviews (6–8 printed pages in length) on topics of interest covering recent aspects of a subject in the area of interest with key references will be published. Submitted reviews will also be considered.
3. **Short communications** report new and important findings derived from incomplete or partial studies. In general, the papers may not exceed four printed pages.
4. **Notes** report a summary of simply positive or negative results of pure environmental chemicals using standard genotoxicity testing methods. Notes also report the results of genomic analysis e.g., micro-array analysis of cells or experimental animals exposed to chemicals, if the results have biological implications. The papers should not exceed two printed pages. However, very detailed testing results may only be published electronically (See C-6).
5. **Letters** to editors may be submitted on current topics. Such letters may cover social, practical and theoretical aspects of environmental genotoxins.
6. **Commentaries** deal with thought-provoking subjects on topics of interest to the readers.

## B. Preparation of Manuscripts

1. **General format:** Manuscripts should follow the style of the Uniform Requirements by the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (<http://www.ICMJE.org/>). Manuscripts should be prepared on A4 sheet, leaving margins of 25 mm at

the top, bottom and sides of each page. All sections of the manuscript must be double-spaced. Each page must be numbered (Title page is 1). Footnotes must be avoided, and parentheses should be used instead, except for indicating the present address (C-1). All measurements should be given in SI and SI-derived units. Access the Bureau International des Poids et Mesures (BIPM) website at <http://www.bipm.fr> for more information.

2. **Spelling:** The Journal uses US spelling and authors should follow the latest edition of the Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary.
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## C. Form of Manuscripts for Regular Articles, Short Communications and Notes

Manuscripts should be divided into the sections indicated below. The title page, abstract, introduction, references, each table, and figure legends must begin on a new page.

1. **Title page:** This page should contain an informative title and contain the major key words. A running title of no more than 50 characters (including spaces) should also be provided. Abbreviations should not be used in the title. The full names of all authors should be provided along with the address of each institution. The names and contact information for the corresponding authors (the full postal and e-mail address, plus telephone and fax numbers), and an address for reprint requests should be provided. If the present address of any authors is different from that where the work was done, it should be provided in a footnote.

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3. **Text:** Authors should use the following subheadings to divide the sections.
  - a. **Introduction:** The aims of the work and its relation to other works in the field should be clearly stated.
  - b. **Materials and Methods:** The materials and methods used should be provided to allow the experiments to be reproduced. The source of the animals, chemicals, organisms used, and any unusual apparatus should be given. Manufacturers with their locations (city and state/country) should be given. Authors should provide details of animal husbandry, such as food, bedding, light cycles etc. Details of culture conditions and media should be provided for in vitro work. The methods specifically used should be described in detail, but citation of references is sufficient for commonly used methods. Papers for mutagenicity testing, the number of replicates and the number of repeat experiments should be provided.
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#### **Standard journal article**

1. Halpern SD, Ubel PA, Caplan AL. Solid-organ transplantation in HIV-infected patients. *N Engl J Med*. 2002; 347: 284-7.

#### **Article with more than six authors**

2. Rose ME, Huerbin MB, Melick J, Marion DW, Palmer AM, Schiding JK, et al. Regulation of interstitial excitatory amino acid concentrations after cortical contusion injury. *Brain Res*. 2002; 935: 40.

#### **Organization as author**

3. Vallancien G, Emberton M, Harving N, van Moorselaar RJ; Alf-One Study Group. Sexual dysfunction in 1,274 European men suffering from lower urinary tract symptoms. *J Urol*. 2003; 169: 2257-61.

#### **Article republished with corrections**

4. Mansharamani M, Chilton BS. The reproductive importance of P-type ATPases. *Mol Cell Endocrinol*. 2002; 188: 22-5. Corrected and republished from: *Mol Cell Endocrinol*. 2001; 183: 123-6.

#### **Books and Other Monographs**

##### **Personal author(s)**

5. Murray PR, Rosenthal KS, Kobayashi GS, Pfaller MA. *Medical microbiology*. 4th ed. St. Louis: Mosby; 2002.

##### **Author(s) and editor(s)**

6. Breedlove GK, Schorfheide AM. *Adolescent pregnancy*. 2nd ed. Wiczorek RR, editor. White Plains (NY): March of Dimes Education Services; 2001.

##### **Chapter in a book**

7. Meltzer PS, Kallioniemi A, Trent JM. Chromosome alterations in human solid tumors. In: Vogelstein B, Kinzler KW, editors. *The genetic basis of human cancer*. New York: McGraw-

Hill; 2002. p. 93–113.

#### **Scientific or technical report**

*Issued by funding/sponsoring agency:*

8. Yen GG (Oklahoma State University, School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Stillwater, OK). Health monitoring on vibration signatures. Final report. Arlington (VA): Air Force Office of Scientific Research (US), Air Force Research Laboratory; 2002 Feb. Report No.: AFRLSRBLTR020123. Contract No.: F496209810049.
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#### **D. Form of Manuscripts for Reviews**

Text is divided into Introduction and other appropriate subtitles. Others are the same as described in C.

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Research works using experimental animals must state in the Materials and Methods section that the animal use was approved by the Committee of the institution within which the work was undertaken and that it conforms to national guidelines for animal usage in research. Research works on human subjects must state in the Materials and Methods section that the protocol for the research project has been approved by an Ethics

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All the above points should be clarified in the covering letter, when manuscript is submitted.

2. **Copyright assignment form:** The form is available on line, in the Journal and also at the JEMS home page.

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2. This award aims to encourage young researchers to contribute to JEMS and to the society's journal, Genes and Environment.
3. One paper among those published in the preceding year can receive the award, and all of the authors (including non-JEMS members) will be awarded.
4. Award selection is done by the end of March of each year, and the winning authors will be awarded a diploma at the annual meeting of JEMS by the President of JEMS.