



#### **Guide for Authors**

## Introduction

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### File Format

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### Page Limit

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The structure of your article should follow the structure of the template.

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If the manuscript is accepted, it is sent out for a **single blind peer review process**, which takes approximately 6 weeks.

Authors receive **feedback from reviewers** and are given 2 weeks to revise and resubmit their papers, if necessary.

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