

PARASITARIA

INFORMATION FOR AUTHORS

Parasitaria is the official journal of
The Spanish Society of Parasitology (SOCEPA)
(Published every four months)

1. General

1.1 Introduction

Being a member of the SOCEPA is no requirement for submission of manuscripts, which are welcomed from any country.

The journal encourages all society members, especially those commencing their scientific careers, to send even their preliminary but original results dealing with protozoa, helminths, arthropods, vectors, and other parasitic organisms, including the diseases these might cause, or any other topic related to parasitism.

For policies not detailed in these instructions please follow the “Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals: Writing and Editing for Biomedical Publication” (<http://www.icmje.org>)

1.2. Publication fees

The cost of publication is covered by the dues of the society, and therefore no publication fees are charged.

1.3. Peer review

A *Parasitaria* editor will initially review the submitted manuscripts. Manuscripts may be rejected promptly due to lack of priority or failure to follow the *Parasitaria* guidelines. Manuscripts that pass this first screening will be sent to expert consultants for a peer review.

1.4. Open access

All articles published by *Parasitaria* are available on the website of the journal (<http://www.rilparasitologia.org/>) free of charge.

1.5. Copyright

Authors are the copyright holders of their articles. Authors who wish to ask for permission to reproduce material from published articles are required to contact the Editorial Secretary (Dr Susana Vilchez, svt@ugr.es).

1.6. Electronic submission

Parasitaria accepts only manuscripts submitted online using the electronic system provided by the journal (<http://www.rilparasitologia.org/>). Users of the system are required to register and create an account with an e-mail address and a password. The account log-in and password will be required for subsequent use of the system. Authors can, at any time, check the state of their article on the electronic system.

Text files should be submitted as RTF, Microsoft Word (doc or docx), and Openoffice (ODT).

2. Types of articles

Parasitaria offers the opportunity to publish the following type of articles, highlighting three new ones:

- **Originals**, including original research under two formats: long articles (*long-original*) without definite length limits; and shorter ones (*short-original*) with a limit of four printed pages.



- **Preliminary originals**, including the first original results of more extensive research and specially designed for young scientists.

- **Reviews**, either long or short, invited or submitted, can be accepted, depending on the interest of the subject.

- **Letters to the Editors**, including comments on published articles in *Parasitaria*.

- **Miscellanea**, including papers that do not deal with original research, such as:

- *Human and Veterinarian Case Reports* (providing expertise for diagnosis, treatment or prevention of parasitic diseases);

- *Opinions* (personal views of topics related to parasites);



- *Big Mistakes in Parasitology* (significant errors detected in scientific journals, books, websites, the media, etc.);

- *Your images* (pictures of parasites or vectors taken by the author);

- *Announcements* (of courses, congresses, symposia, prize competitions, etc.);

- *Book Reviews* (invited or non-invited book reviews can be considered for publication);

- *Editorial Notes* (reserved for editors on questions related to the journal or the SOCEPA society).

- *Obituaries*.



- **Author's Ombudsman Section**, including well-documented unfair experiences made by author(s) related to, for instance, poorly or inadequately justified rejection of articles, issues with referees, etc.

3. Preparation of manuscripts

- Manuscripts must be written in English, including two abstracts, i.e. one in English and the other in Spanish. Only papers with clearly local interest can be

accepted in Spanish, but we encourage the authors to write the papers in English in order ensure a broader dissemination of the information. Be sure the English language has been properly reviewed, since the expenses of language correction made by the Journal Editorial must be paid for by the authors.

- Use Times New Roman 12 with 1.5 interline throughout the manuscript. Number pages and lines. Use up to three subheading levels in total. The italic typeface should be reserved for scientific names of genera and species, and certain terms (gene names, mutations, genotypes, and alleles. The SI (International System of Units) must be used throughout the manuscript. Parasitic diseases must be named according to the Standardized Nomenclature of Animal Parasitic Diseases (SNOAPAD) (<http://www.waavp.org/files/Standardized%20Nomenclature%202006.pdf>)

Submission to *Parasitaria* should include:

1. Cover letter
2. Title page
3. Abstracts (English and Spanish)
4. Main text
5. Tables
6. Figures

1. Cover letter

This letter includes: (1) the statement that the manuscript has been read and approved by all the authors; (2) the statement on financial or other conflicts of interests, if any; and (3) the name of possible unqualified reviewers due to conflicts of interests.

The cover letter must be signed
by all the authors

2. Title page

The title page should include the title, author(s)' full name(s) (not capitalized), degree, affiliation, and full address of the authors. The name and address of the corresponding author should be separately and clearly indicated with email and telephone details.

3. Abstracts and Key words

Originals, *Preliminary Originals*, and *Reviews* must include an English and a Spanish abstract. The Editorial team can assist authors who cannot write the Spanish abstract free of charge. A third abstract could be accepted in some other language for papers of special interest in areas where neither English nor Spanish are spoken (e.g. French, German, Italian, Portuguese).

The abstracts should not exceed 250 words and, regardless of the language, the information given must be exactly the same.

Give between 3-6 key words at the end of the abstracts, written in the same language as the abstract.

4. Main text

4.1. Originals, Preliminary Originals

Organize the main text into: **Introduction** (without subsections), **Materials and Methods** (subsections accepted), **Results** (subsections accepted), **Discussion** (subsections accepted, **Conclusions** being possibly the last one when appropriate), **Acknowledgements**, **References**.

Write References in Vancouver style
http://library.vcc.ca/downloads/VCC_VancouverStyleGuide.pdf

4.2. Reviews

Authors can follow the same organization as *Originals* or freely organize the main text of the review article.

4.3. Letters to the Editor

A maximum length of 350 words is accepted for letters, which must be written without subsections.

4.4. Miscellanea and Author's Ombudsman Section

The organization of these manuscripts will be adapted to each case depending on the type of article received. Normally, these submissions should be prepared in collaboration with the Editorial team.

5. Tables

Data that cannot be incorporated conveniently into the text can be presented in Tables. Tables must be designed to fit in 1 or 2 columns and must be numbered with Arabic numerals in a continuous series and so referenced, in sequence, in the text (Table 1, Table 2, etc.). Captions should be typed above the data on the same page. Horizontal lines should be avoided in the body of the table; vertical lines are not permitted.

6. Figures

Figures must be prepared to have a good quality for viewing them on screen as HTML as well as in PDF format when printed. Figures should be numbered with Arabic numerals in a continuous series and so referenced, in sequence, in the text (Figure 1, Figure 2, etc.). Legends should be in 10 point, single spaced. The electronic submission will accept PNG or TIFF files with a resolution of 1200 dpi.