

CrystEngComm

Guidelines for Authors†

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1.0 General policy

CrystEngComm is an international journal for the publication of original research concerned with all areas of crystal engineering. The use of electronic media for all stages in the publication process leads to rapid publication times, and the enhanced presentation of the research presented.

All contributions are judged on the originality and quality of scientific content. Thus, articles reporting results which would be routinely predicted or result from application of standard procedures or techniques are unlikely to prove acceptable in the absence of other attributes which themselves make publication desirable. Topics covered include:

- **Properties:** Thermodynamics, phase transitional behaviours, polymorphism, solid state reactivity, optoelectronics, NLO, molecular and bulk magnetism, conductivity and super conductivity, absorption and desorption, mechanical.
- **Target crystals/materials:** Ionic, molecular, covalent and coordination solids, coordination polymers, hydrogen-bonded solids, intermolecular interactions, biominerals and biomimetic materials, synthetic zeolites, liquid crystals,

nano and mesoporous crystals, channelled structures.

- **Techniques:** Single crystal X-ray and neutron diffraction, powder diffraction, solid state spectroscopy (IR, Raman, NMR *etc.*), calorimetry and thermogravimetry.
- **Methods:** Modelling and data mining, as well as empirical, semi-empirical and *ab-initio* theoretical evaluation of solids and of intermolecular interactions.

There are no author charges for publishing in *CrystEngComm*, and authors will receive a free PDF of their article, which can be used for reprint purposes.

Further notes on RSC policy on the initial assessment of submissions, and details of criteria for publication, can be found on ReSource.‡

2.0 Article types

2.1 Full papers

Full Papers contain original scientific work that has not been published previously. However, work that has been published previously in a short form such as a *CrystEngComm* Communication is normally acceptable, provided that it represents a substantial amplification and extension of the original material. There are no restrictions on the length of a paper.

2.2 Highlights

CrystEngComm Highlights are normally published by invitation of the Editorial Board. However, suggestions from authors are welcome and enquiries regarding the submission of *CrystEngComm* Highlights should be directed to the Managing Editor.

Highlights should be long enough to allow the authors to make their principal points – but no longer. The more effectively these are made, and the more accessible the article, the better. The old adage that ‘one picture is worth a thousand words’ is particularly appropriate in an electronic medium.

2.3 Communications

Preliminary accounts of original and significant work of such importance or novelty that rapid publication is justified may be published in Communication form. Authors should provide in a covering letter a justification as to why they feel that publication of their work as a Communication is warranted. The recommended length is four PDF journal pages, however some flexibility is allowed. *CrystEngComm* Communications should not contain section headings.

Full Papers based upon Communications are welcome, provided that they represent a substantial amplification and extension of the original material.

† For more detailed information on this topic, including guidelines for article layout, preparation of illustrations, presentation of experimental data, and supplementary information deposition, as well as links to useful websites, templates and other software resources, and authoring tools, see: <http://www.rsc.org/authorguidelines>.

‡ See <http://www.rsc.org/resource>.

2.4 Letters

A *CrystEngComm* Letter is a medium for the expression of scientific opinions and views normally concerning material published in *CrystEngComm* or other RSC journals. It is intended that contributions in this format should be published rapidly. *CrystEngComm* Letters are for scientific discussion, and are not intended to compete with media for the publication of more general matters such as *Chemistry World*, or for revision/updates of authors' own work. Letters should rarely exceed one PDF journal page in length (about 3 pages of typescript) and should contain no more than 5 references. Where a Letter is polemical in nature, and if it is accepted, a Reply will be solicited from other parties implicated, for consideration for publication alongside the original Letter.

3.0 Submission

3.1 Initial submission

Articles should be submitted using the RSC file upload service, ReSource.‡

Rapid publication is aided by careful preparation of text and illustrations. Particular attention is drawn to the use of (i) SI units and associated conventions, (ii) IUPAC nomenclature for compounds and (iii) standard methods of literature citation.

The RSC ReSource service allows any number of files to be uploaded. All files relating to a single manuscript should be uploaded simultaneously during one transaction. Files uploaded separately will result in more than one manuscript number being assigned and may subsequently be lost.

All authors submitting work for publication are required to agree a Licence to Publish. Authors submitting online will be asked to agree a Licence to Publish as part of the process. Alternatively, a downloadable PDF version is available,‡ which can be completed and forwarded to the Editorial Office. On submitting their manuscripts, authors are also encouraged to supply the names and addresses of 2–3 potential referees.

After submission your file will be acknowledged by the Editorial Office as soon as possible. Authors should contact the Editorial Office if they have not received an acknowledgement within 4 working days. Authors should not forward more than one version of their manuscript or submit the manuscript by post or e-mail to avoid errors in manuscript handling by the Editorial Office.

3.2 Submission of revised articles and material for proof preparation

Revised manuscripts should be sent to the Editorial Office by file upload via ReSource.‡

Please check the manuscript carefully for consistency, particularly in the representation of chemical formulae, compound names and words with alternative spellings.

Successful use of your electronic files should speed up the pro-

duction process and avoid errors being introduced. Authors should ensure that files submitted at this stage contain the final version of their manuscript. Proof corrections should only correct errors from the Production process and should not be used to make general changes to the text.

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4.0 Administration

Receipt of a paper will be acknowledged, and the paper will be given a reference number which authors are asked to quote on all their subsequent correspondence. If no such acknowledgement has been received after a reasonable period of time, authors should check with the Editorial Office as to whether the paper or the acknowledgement has gone astray.

4.1 Editorial policy

Every paper deemed suitable for consideration as a submission will be assessed by at least two independent referees. RSC policy on the initial assessment of submissions, and details of criteria for publication, can be found on ReSource.‡ Submission of a manuscript will be regarded as an undertaking that the same material is not being considered for publication by another journal.

4.2 Copyright

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