

Organic & Biomolecular Chemistry

Guidelines for Authors†

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1.0 General policy

Organic & Biomolecular Chemistry (OBC) is a bimonthly journal for the publication of original research papers (Articles), Communications, Emerging Areas and Perspectives focusing on all aspects of synthetic, physical and biomolecular organic chemistry. It brings together molecular design, synthesis, structure, function and reactivity in one journal. It publishes fundamental work on synthetic, physical and biomolecular organic chemistry as well as all organic aspects of: chemical biology, medicinal chemistry, natural product chemistry, supramolecular chemistry, macromolecular chemistry, theoretical chemistry and catalysis.

Authors should note that papers that mainly emphasise the novel properties, applications or potential applications of materials may be more suited for submission to *Journal of Materials Chemistry*.

There is no page charge for papers published in *OBC*.

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

† 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>.

2.0 Article types

2.1 Articles

Full papers contain original scientific work that has not been published previously. However, work that has appeared in print in a short form such as an *OBC* Communication or *Chemical Communication* is normally acceptable. Please note that full papers based on communications must represent a substantial extension of the original material. The Society strongly discourages the fragmentation of a substantial body of work into a number of short publications.

2.2 Communications

OBC Communications contain novel scientific work of such importance that rapid publication is desirable. Authors should briefly indicate in a covering letter the reasons why they feel that publication of their work as a Communication is justified. The recommended length is between two and five printed journal pages.

2.3 Emerging Areas

Emerging Areas are short, personal accounts of a new area of research. They can be speculative in nature, putting a new area in perspective. These are normally published by invitation of the *OBC* Editorial Board. However, suggestions from authors are welcome and enquiries regarding the submission of Emerging Areas should be directed to the Managing Editor.

2.4 Perspective Articles

Perspective Articles are either a concise and critical appraisal or a personal viewpoint of activity in a specialist area of organic chemistry. Perspective articles will be easy-to-read articles covering current areas of interest and not comprehensive reviews of the literature. These are normally published by invitation of the *OBC* Editorial Board. However, suggestions from authors are welcome and enquiries regarding the submission of Perspective Articles should be directed to the Managing Editor.

3.0 Submission

3.1 Initial submission

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

On submitting their manuscripts, authors are encouraged to supply the names and addresses of 2–3 potential referees. Owing to the non-availability of many referees and editorial staff in July–August each year, authors are advised to limit their submissions during this period in order to minimize delays.

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.

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 production 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.

We will try to use the supplied data in our production process, but mathematical equations and tables in particular may be re-keyed by the typesetter. It is imperative that authors check their proofs (including any tabulated data and figures) very carefully. Papers are published as advance Articles on the web as soon as possible after the return of proof corrections. Late corrections

cannot be incorporated after publication of the Advance Article.

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

All manuscripts will be processed in an efficient, fair and timely manner. Papers that are accepted must not be published elsewhere except by permission of the Royal Society of Chemistry. Submission of a manuscript will be regarded as an undertaking that the same material is not being considered for publication by another journal. RSC policy on the initial assessment of submissions, and details of criteria for publication, can be found on ReSource.[‡]

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