

Photochemical & Photobiological Sciences

Guidelines for Authors†

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1.0 General policy

Photochemical & Photobiological Sciences (PPS) is a monthly journal for the publication of original research papers (Full Papers), Perspectives, Communications and Technical Notes of current interest in the areas of photochemistry and photobiology. The journal also contains a Forum section. *PPS* is published by the Royal Society of Chemistry and is the official journal of the European Society for Photobiology (ESP) and the European Photochemistry Association (EPA).

Any aspect of the interaction of light with molecules, supramolecular systems or biological matter. Typical topics include: Applied Photochemistry, Atmospheric Photochemistry, Bioluminescence, Chronobiology, DNA Repair, Energy Transfer, Environmental Photobiology, Environmental Photochemistry, Excited State Properties, Laser Photochemistry, Luminescence, Mechanistic Photochemistry, Organic and Inorganic Photochemistry, Photocarcinogenesis, Photochemical Kinetics, Photochemistry of Biomolecules, Photochemotherapy, Photochromism, Photodegradation, Photodermatology, Photoelectrochemistry, Photoimaging, Photoimmunology, Photomedicine, Photomorphogenesis, Photomovement, Photoprotection, Photoreception,

Photosensitisation, Photosynthesis, Phototechnology, Phototherapy, Phototoxicity, Solar Energy Utilisation, Spectroscopy, Spectroscopy of Biological Systems, Supramolecular Photochemistry, Synthetic Photochemistry, Theoretical Photochemistry, UV and Visible Radiation Effects and Vision.

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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 *PPS* Communication is normally acceptable. There are no restrictions on the length of a paper.

2.2 Perspectives

PPS Perspectives are normally published by invitation of the Editor-in-Chief. However, suggestions from authors are welcome and enquiries regarding the submission of *PPS* Perspectives should be directed to the Managing Editor. The recommended length is usually 10–15 printed journal pages. The number of references should not normally exceed 50.

2.3 Communications

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 usually no more than four printed journal pages.

2.4 Technical Notes

Technical Notes are short (usually no more than four printed journal pages) single accounts of novel scientific work that warrants rapid publication. Technical Notes are unlikely to be followed up by a full article. Authors should briefly indicate in a covering letter the reasons why they feel that the work should be published as a Technical Note, and not a Full Paper.

2.5 Forum

The Forum section of the journal offers extremely rapid publication of critical comments or opinions on concepts and results expressed in papers published in *PPS*, as well as on actively debated topics in various fields of photochemistry and photobiology. Outlines of novel hypotheses or emerging developments in fields of interest for the readers of *PPS* are also welcome. Such contributions usually do not contain experimental data and are not peer-reviewed as such, but accepted for publication by the Editor-in-Chief (who may ask

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for expert advice).

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. Please note that journal citations in *PPS* should include the article titles.

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3.2 Submission of revised articles and material for proof preparation

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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 will be considered by the Editor-in-Chief, and then passed to the relevant Associate Editor, who will then consult with at least two referees, by whose advice the Editorial Board will be guided as to its acceptability. Submission of a manuscript will be regarded as an undertaking that the same material is not being considered for publication by another journal.

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