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1. Journal scope

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2. Article types

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- Research
- Case report
- Case study
- Methodology
- Opinion
- Hypothesis
- Review
- Book review

3. Manuscript formats

The *MalariaWorld Journal* only accepts manuscripts written in English. Spelling should be in UK English.

Manuscript files have to be submitted in a word processor format, i.e. as a Microsoft Word document (version 2 and above). Figures must be submitted as separate pdf image files.

The manuscript text should be justified and have double line spacing. All pages **and lines** should be numbered. The references should be in the *MalariaWorld Journal* format as described below.

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Research articles submitted to *the MalariaWorld Journal* should be divided into the following sections:

- **Title page** (with title & author information)

Titles should be no longer than 135 characters (including spaces) and comprehensible for a broad scientific audience.

Author information should include full names and affiliation (department, institution, address & email) for each author. Use superscripts to match authors with institutions. The telephone and fax numbers of the corresponding author have to be provided to enable communication on the manuscript review and proofs.

- **Abstract**

An abstract of no more than 300 words has to be provided on the second page of the manuscript file. The abstract has to be divided in the following sections: Background, with the context and purpose of the research. Materials & Methods, with a brief explanation on how the study was performed and statistical tests used; Results, with the main findings; Conclusions, with a short summary and potential implications of the results.

The use of abbreviations in the abstract should be minimised and no references should be cited therein.

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The background section should introduce the study to the reader and provide a broad and clear description of the context of the research and its aims. The last section of the Background should highlight the specific research goals and include a brief overview of what will be reported in the article.

- **Materials & Methods**

The used methodologies should be specified in separate subsections. Procedures and statistics need to be provided in sufficient detail so that the work can be repeated. Correct chemical names should be given and strains of organisms specified. Trade names and the names & country of suppliers have to be provided for all used reagents or instruments.

Use Système International (SI) units and symbols whenever possible.

- **Results**

The results should be structured into separate subsections with short, informative headings.

- **Discussion**

The findings should be discussed and placed in a broader research context, keeping in mind a maximum of 40 references for the whole manuscript.

- **Conclusions**

The authors should provide a concise (< 200 words) description of the main conclusions of their research and its implications.

- **Acknowledgements**

Authors should acknowledge (with permission) anyone that made a substantial contribution to the research but did not meet the criteria for authorship. All funding sources should be listed and specified for each author.

- **References**

All references must be numbered individually and placed in the manuscript text file in numerical order using square brackets; [1], [2-4] etc. References should only include published work or research that is in press.

Manuscript files should not include more than 40 cited references.

All authors (unless there are more than four) should be named in the citation. If there are more than four authors, the names of the first four should be provided and followed by et al. Author names should include the full surname followed by a space and their initial(s) (with no period/full stop).

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Benedict MQ, Robinson AS: The first releases of transgenic mosquitoes: an argument for the sterile insect technique. *Trends Parasitol.* 2003, **19**:349-355.

Journal article (more than four authors):

Adam I, Elhassan EM, Mohammed AA, Salih MM *et al.*: Malaria and pre-eclampsia in an area with unstable malaria transmission in Central Sudan. *Malar. J.* 2011, **10**:258.

Book:

Clements AN: The biology of mosquitoes. Vol. 1. Development, nutrition and reproduction. Chapman & Hall, London. 1992, 509 pp.

PhD Thesis:

Scholte EJ: The entomopathogenic fungus *Metarhizium anisopliae* for mosquito control. PhD thesis. Wageningen University, Entomology Department. 2004.

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Figure legends should be provided separately from the figure files, after the references in the manuscript text file. Each legend should be numbered in numerical order (Figure 1, Figure 2 etc).

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Each table should be provided on a separate page. Word tables should not use tabs or spaces to separate columns.

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Numbers, letters and symbols should be consistent and between 6 and 12 points (2–6 mm) in size after reduction. The amount of white space surrounding each figure illustration should be minimised by using the cropping tool.

6. Submitting your manuscript

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The submitting author is responsible for notifying the co-authors that submission has taken place and MWJ automatically assumes this to be the case when receiving a manuscript. Moreover, the MWJ will work on the assumption that all institutional and other relevant approvals for publication have been obtained by all authors prior to submission.

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