TYPES OF CONTRIBUTIONS

"OA" *Original Article (Regular Research Papers)*
- should report the results of original research presenting an advance in understanding of an problem.
- the material should not have been previously published elsewhere
- a maximum of **30 references** is suggested.
- should **not exceed 15 typescript pages** according to standard form
- may contain **a few short subheadings** (not more than six in total)
- typically have **3-5 display items** (figures or tables)

"SC" *Short Communications*
- Format is intended for presentation of important observations that can be clearly described in abbreviated format.
- should consist of original observations or new methods
- should be concise and cover no more than **5 typescript pages**
- they need not be formally structured as are full papers, but should give sufficient methods and data necessary for their comprehension (There are no subheadings and a description of materials and methods should be integrated in the text).
- There should be **up to 15 references**

"RA" *Review Articles*
- should cover subjects falling within the scope of the journal which are of current interest and describe new developments in a topical area of scientific research or of interdisciplinary significance and highlight future directions.
- Most reviews are solicited by the editors, but authors wishing to submit an unsolicited review must contact the Editorial office by email
- the review may not follow the IMRAD structure ande the abstract should be of the indicative type (i.e. containing no original data but rather explaining the content of the review)
- there should be up to **50 references**

"RC" *Rapid Communications*
- should contain information of high innovative/scientific value worth of very rapid publication
- should in general, **not exceed 5 typescript pages**
- there should be up to **15 references**

"LE" *Letters to the Editor*
- offer comment or useful critique on material published in the journal
- the decision to publish submitted letters rests purely with the Editors-in-Chief
- Letters are subject to editing by Editor for clarity and space.

"BR" *Book Reviews*
- will be included in the journal on a range of notable books
- will be solicited by the Editorial office
- unsolicited reviews will not usually be accepted, but suggestions for appropriate books for review may be sent to the Editorial office by email
- should **not exceed 2 typescript pages**