

Instructions for Authors Afr J Tradit Complement Altern Med. (2015) 12(3):187-189

Publisher: African Networks on Ethnomedicines

Web page: <http://journals.sfu.ca/africanem/index.php/ajtcam/index>

The **African Journal of Traditional, Complementary and Alternative medicines (AJTCAM)** provides rapid publication of papers on ethnomedicines and veterinary ethnomedicines. The Journal welcomes the submission of manuscripts that meet the general criteria of significance and scientific excellence. Papers will be published approximately two to three months after acceptance.

Electronic Submission

DIRECT UPLOADING of papers IS NOW STRONGLY ENCOURAGED by registering as author and following the uploading instructions step by step at:

<http://journals.sfu.ca/africanem/index.php/ajtcam/about/submissions#onlinesubmissions>. Register as author, then click on the user name link, and then click on the author link. Alternatively, click on online submission, then click on GO TO LOGIN link to upload your paper. DO NOT send your manuscript to us via e-mail. All authors names and affiliations must be uploaded.

A manuscript number will be mailed to the corresponding author same day or within three days. The cover letter should include the corresponding author's full address and telephone/fax numbers and should be in an e-mail message sent to the Editor, with the file, whose name should begin with the first author's surname, as an attachment.

The African Journal of Traditional, Complementary and Alternative medicines will accept manuscripts submitted as e-mail attachments. For all other correspondence that cannot be sent by e-mail, please contact the editorial office at: The Editor-in-Chief, Drug Research & Production Unit, Faculty of Pharmacy, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria

Regular articles: These should describe new and carefully researched findings that have arisen from experimental procedures. The articles should be given in sufficient detail for others to verify the work. Authors should submit data that have arisen from animal and human studies in an ethically proper way by following guidelines as set by the World Health Organization. Authors submitting papers are advised to read online WIPO and WHO guidelines on these subjects (http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/consultations/draft_provisions/draft_provisions.html and <http://www.who.int/medicines/library/trm/researchdocs.shtml>). **The authors should indentify that they have acquired appropriate "prior informed consent" (PIC). This means the onus is on them, not the journal, regarding this important ethical issue. Moreover they should state this as a part of the protocol describing how these types of surveys were made.** Papers that violate these principles will not be accepted.

Short Communications: : A Short Communication is suitable for recording the results of complete small investigations or giving details of new models or hypotheses, chemical isolation and identification, innovative methods, techniques, clinical trials and epidemiological studies.

Reviews: Submissions of reviews and perspectives covering topics of current interest are welcome and encouraged. reviews are also peer-reviewed.

Review Process: All manuscripts are reviewed by an editor and members of the Editorial Board or qualified outside reviewers. Decisions will be made as rapidly as possible, and the journal strives to return reviewers' comments to authors within 2 weeks. It is the goal of the AJTCAM to publish papers within 12 weeks after submission.

Regular articles: All portions of the manuscript must be typed double-spaced and all pages numbered starting from the title page.

The **Title** should be as brief as possible describing the contents of the paper. The Title Page should include the authors' full names and affiliations, the name of the corresponding author along with phone, fax and E-mail information. Present addresses of authors should appear as a footnote.

The **Abstract** which should be included at the beginning of the manuscript should be informative and completely self-explanatory, briefly present the topic, state the scope of the experiments, indicate significant data, and point out major findings and conclusions. It should be structured **into Background, Materials and Methods, Results and Conclusion**. The Abstract should not be more than 250 words in length.. Complete sentences, active verbs, and the third person should be used, and the abstract should be written in the past tense. Following the abstract, about 3 to 6 key words that will provide indexing references should be listed.

Instructions for Authors Afr J Tradit Complement Altern Med. (2015) 12(3):187-189

Publisher: African Networks on Ethnomedicines

Web page: <http://journals.sfu.ca/africanem/index.php/ajtcam/index>

A list of non-standard Abbreviations should be added. In general, non-standard abbreviations should be used only when the full term is very long and used often. Each abbreviation should be spelled out and introduced in parentheses the first time it is used in the text. Only recommended SI units should be used.

The **Introduction** should provide a clear statement of the problem, the relevant literature on the subject, and the proposed approach or solution. It should be understandable to colleagues from a broad range of scientific disciplines.

Materials and methods should be complete enough to allow experiments to be reproduced. However, only truly new procedures should be described in detail; previously published procedures should be cited, and important modifications of published procedures should be mentioned briefly. Capitalize trade names and include the manufacturer's name and address. Subheadings should be used. Methods in general use need not be described in detail.

Results should be presented with clarity and precision. The results should be written in the past tense when describing findings in the authors' experiments. Previously published findings should be written in the present tense. Results should be explained, but largely without referring to the literature. Discussion, speculation and detailed interpretation of data should not be included in the Results but should be put into the Discussion section.

The **Discussion** should interpret the findings in view of the results obtained in this and in past studies on this topic. State the conclusions in a few sentences at the end of the paper. The Results and Discussion sections can include subheadings, and when appropriate, both sections can be combined.

The Acknowledgments of people, grants, funds, etc should be brief.

Tables should be simple and kept to a minimum. Tables should be typed double-spaced throughout, including headings and footnotes. Each table should be on a separate page, numbered consecutively in Arabic numerals and supplied with a heading and a legend. Tables should be self-explanatory without reference to the text.

Figure legends should be typed in numerical order on a separate sheet. Graphics should be prepared using applications capable of generating high resolution GIF, TIFF, JPEG or Powerpoint before pasting in the Microsoft Word manuscript file. Tables should be prepared in Microsoft Word. Use Arabic numerals to designate figures and upper case letters for their parts (Figure 1). Begin each legend with a title and include sufficient description so that the figure is understandable without reading the text of the manuscript. Information given in legends should not be repeated in the text.

References: In the text, a reference identified by means of an author's name should be followed by the date of the reference in parentheses. When there are more than two authors, only the first author's name should be mentioned, followed by 'et al'. In the event that an author cited has had two or more works published during the same year, the reference, both in the text and in the reference list, should be identified by a lower case letter like 'a' and 'b' after the date to distinguish the works. Examples: Ojewole (2000), Adewunmi et al. (2003), (Kelebeni, 1983), (Addy, 1992), (Chege, 1998; Elujoba, 1987a,b; Tijani, 1993,1995), (Gamaniel et al., 2001)

References should be listed at the end of the paper in alphabetical order. Articles in preparation or articles submitted for publication, unpublished observations, personal communications, etc. should not be included in the reference list but should only be mentioned in the article text (e.g., A. Elujoba, Obafemi Awolowo University, personal communication). Journal names are abbreviated according to Chemical Abstracts. Authors are fully responsible for the accuracy of the references.

1. Kamanzi Atindehou, K., Koné , M., Terreaux , C. , Traore , D., Hostettmann, K. and Dosso , M. (2002). Evaluation of the antimicrobial potential of medicinal plants from the Ivory Coast . *Phytother. Res.* , **16**: 497 – 502.
2. Vinegar, R.; Truax, J.F., Selph, J. L. and Voelker, F. A. (1982). Pathway of onset, development and decay of carrageenan pleurisy in the rat. *Fed. Proc.* **41**: 2588- 2595.

Instructions for Authors Afr J Tradit Complement Altern Med. (2015) 12(3):187-189

Publisher: African Networks on Ethnomedicines

Web page: <http://journals.sfu.ca/africanem/index.php/ajtcam/index>

Short Communications: Short Communications are limited to a maximum of two figures and one table. They should present a complete study that is more limited in scope than is found in full-length papers. The items of manuscript preparation listed above apply to Short Communications with the following differences: (1) Abstracts are limited to 150 words and (2) Results and Discussion should be combined into a single section.

Book reviews: Books for review should be sent to the Editors.

Conference announcements and news: These should be sent to the Editors.

Proofs and Reprints: Electronic proofs will be sent (e-mail attachment) to the corresponding author as a PDF file. Page proofs are considered to be the final version of the manuscript. With the exception of typographical or minor clerical errors, no changes will be made in the manuscript at the proof stage. Because AJTCAM will be published freely online only for the first year (to attract a wide audience), authors will have free electronic access to the full text (in both HTML and PDF) of the article. Authors can freely download the PDF file from which they can print unlimited copies of their articles.

Copyright: Submission of a manuscript implies: that the work described has not been published before (except in the form of an abstract or as part of a published lecture, or thesis) that it is not under consideration for publication elsewhere. Subscribers may reproduce tables of contents or prepare lists of articles including abstracts for internal circulation in their institutions. Permission of the publisher is required either for resale or distribution outside their institutions and for every other purpose.

Fees and Charges: Original research articles will attract a nominal fee of \$300.00 for a ten-page manuscript. Extra pages attract extra charges of \$30/page. Papers with Articles of authors which have been accepted without payment will not be processed further without this fee. To Fast Track papers, \$1,000.0 plus publication fee.

Subscription: Annual subscription for printed copies is \$150.00, single copy is \$50.00; Institutions and libraries \$500.00.

Advertisements: Adverting rates: Back cover full colour \$750.00USD; Inside covers \$625.00USD; Full page colour \$510.00USD; Half page \$320.00USD; Half page black and white \$260.00USD One quarter page \$195.00USD. For details contact the Editors-in-Chief

Notice: No responsibility is assumed by the publisher for any use of operation of any methods, products, instructions or ideas contained in the material herein. All advertising material is expected to conform to ethical medical standards, their inclusion in this publication does not constitute an endorsement of the quality or value of such product by the manufacturer.

Plagiarism: Permission from the copyright owner(s) of reproduced tables and illustrations must be obtained and a copy of the permission letter submitted to AJTCAM. The source must be clearly acknowledged under the table or the illustration. Copying text, photographs, tables or graphics from any source and using it as ones own is considered plagiarism whether or not a reference to the copied portion is given.