

# Molecular Nutrition & Food Research

## Instructions to authors

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### 1 Aims and scope

**Molecular Nutrition & Food Research (MNF)** is a primary research journal devoted to health, safety and all aspects of molecular nutrition such as nutritional biochemistry, nutrigenomics and metabolomics aiming to link the information arising from the related disciplines Bioactivity & Safety, Immunology, Microbiology and Chemistry.

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- (i) research articles,
- (ii) reviews, and
- (iii) educational papers.

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**MNF** publishes articles in English. Manuscripts must be grammatically and linguistically correct, and authors less familiar with English usage are advised to seek the help of English-speaking colleagues. American spelling is preferred.

Please note that the Ethical Guidelines for Publication of Chemical Research issued by the American Chemical Society are followed and applied by the Editors of **MNF**.

### 3 Online submission of manuscripts

**MNF** offers a web-based manuscript submission and peer review system. This service guarantees fast and safe submission of manuscripts and rapid assessment. Using this system is obligatory, conventional submission of manuscripts is not accepted.

#### 3.1 General remarks

To submit your manuscript online, please proceed along the following steps:

- Prepare your manuscript and illustrations in the appropriate format, according to the instructions given below (see Sections 4 to 9). Please also make sure that your paper conforms with the scientific and style instructions of **MNF** as given herein. You can also find a link to these instructions on the homepage of the journal at <http://www.mnf-journal.com> under the link “For Authors”.
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Type	Resolution
Graphs	800 – 1200 DPI
Photos	400 – 800 DPI
Color (only CMYK)	300 – 400 DPI

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### 3.3 Revised manuscripts

In revised manuscripts the areas containing the major required changes should be marked and the script color changed. The file(s) with the changes visible on screen should be submitted to the online procedure.

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### 4 Types of contributions

Three types of scientific contributions are considered for publication:

(i) **Research articles** describing complete investigations. Manuscripts may not have been published previously, except in the form of a preliminary communication.

(ii) **Reviews** provide an overview on the current research in a specific field.

(iii) **Educational papers** will describe and/or explain a method or technique used in food and nutrition research. They should be written in continuous style with headings (not numbered). An educational paper may be supplemented by multimedia material (e.g. animations or video sequences) which will be only available online.

Research articles should not exceed 6500 words in total; this includes references, figure legends, and tables.

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### 5 Organization of manuscripts

Manuscripts must be typewritten with double spacing (including references, tables, legends, etc.).

#### 5.1 Contents of first page of manuscript

The first page of the manuscript should contain only the following:

1) Title of the paper containing only the keywords pertaining to the subject matter. Standard abbreviations may be used in the title.

2) Full names (including first name) of the authors and the name of the institute. If the publication originates from several institutes the affiliations of all authors should be clearly

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4) A list of abbreviations used in the paper excluding standard abbreviations (see list of “Standard Abbreviations”, Section 9).

5) Keywords (max. 5, in alphabetical order).

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Manuscripts should be divided into the following sections:

“1 Introduction”: containing a description of the problem under investigation and a brief survey of the existing literature on the subject.

“2 Materials and methods”: for special materials and equipment, the manufacturer's name and location should be provided.

“3 Results”

“4 Discussion”

“5 References”

Sections 3 and 4 may be combined and should then be followed by a short section entitled “Concluding remarks”. Subdivisions of sections should be indicated by subheadings.

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References should be numbered sequentially in the order in which they are cited in the text. The numbers should be set in brackets, thus [2, 18]. References are to be collected in numerical order at the end of the manuscript under the heading “References”; they should also be typed with double spacing throughout. Papers with multiple authors should be limited to listing five authors. Where there are more than five authors, the first four should be listed, followed by *et al.* Please include the title of the manuscript in full, followed by a full stop. Journal names should be abbreviated according to the practice of *Chemical Abstracts*. The abbrevi-

ated journal name and the volume number should be in italics. Please note the following examples.

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- [1] Keppler, K., Hein, E.-M., Humpf, H.-U., Metabolism of quercetin and rutin by the pig caecal microflora prepared by freeze-preservation, *Mol. Nutr. Food Res.* 2006, 50, 686–695.

Other serial publications such as “*Advances in Food and Nutrition Research*” should be cited in the same manner as journals.

Books:

- [2] Eisenbrand, G., Dayan, A. D., Elias, P. S., Grunow, W., Schlatter, J. (Eds.), *Carcinogenic and Anticarcinogenic Factors in Food*, Wiley-VCH Verlag, Weinheim 2003.

Chapter in a book:

- [3] Geis, A., in: Heller, K. J. (Ed.), *Genetically Engineered Food – Methods and Detection*, Wiley-VCH Verlag, Weinheim 2003, pp. 100–118.

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## 5.5 Acknowledgements

Acknowledgements as well as information regarding funding sources should be provided on a separate page and will appear at the end of the text (before the “References”).

## 5.6 Tables

Tables with suitable captions at the top and numbered with Arabic numerals should be collected at the end of the text on separate sheets (one page *per* table). Column headings should be kept as brief as possible and indicate units. Footnotes to tables should be indicated with a), b), c) *etc.* and typed on the same page as the table.

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Extensive tables (more than 5 typewritten pages) should be published online as supporting information (in PDF file format). This material will not be typeset so authors should prepare it in the final form (preferably already in PDF file format). Also for this reason there will be no galley proofs of this material. Supporting information will be made freely available on the web (similar to the table of contents and the article abstracts). Authors are permitted to place this material on their homepages when they are setting up a link to the full-text version of the article in Wiley InterScience.

Further, other files may be submitted as supporting information (*e.g.*, animations, video sequences). Please contact the Editorial Office for suitable file formats. All supporting information will also undergo the peer-review process. Thus, this material has to be submitted electronically along with the main body of the article. It is in the hands of the Editor-in-Chief to decide which part of the manuscript will be published as supporting information.

## 5.8 Figures and legends

Diagrams and photographs should be submitted as separate files. Upon acceptance of the paper hardcopies of fine quality suitable for reproduction should be sent to the Editorial Office (address see Section 2). Figures should be numbered consecutively with Arabic numerals in the order of their appearance. Figures should not be larger than the manuscript paper. Numbers and symbols inscribed must be large enough to be legible after reduction in size. In electropherograms presented horizontally, the anode should be at the left while in vertical presentations the anode should be at the bottom. Two-dimensional presentations, *e.g.* with isoelectric focusing and sodium dodecyl sulfate-electrophoresis in the two dimensions, are thus presented consistent with the standard coordinate system. Each figure is to be accompanied by a legend, which should be self-explanatory. The legends should not appear under the figures but be collected and typewritten with double spacing following the references.

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## 5.12 Abbreviations

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Section 9 at the end of these instructions contains the list of standard abbreviations which may be used without definition in the articles published in **MNF**.

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## 8 Reporting specific data

### 8.1 Bioactivity of extracts and other mixtures

Manuscripts in which the individual components responsible for any biological activity have not been chemically characterized will be returned, unreviewed, to the author. Exceptions will only be made by the Editor-in-Chief in special cases.

### 8.2 Chemical structures

Structures should be produced with the use of a drawing program such as ChemDraw.

Structure drawing preferences are as follows:

As drawing settings select:

chain angle 120°

bond spacing 18% of width

fixed length 14.4 points (0.508 cm, 0.2 in.)

bold width 2.0 points (0.071 cm, 0.0278 in.)

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margin width 1.6 points (0.056 cm, 0.0222 in.)

hash spacing 2.5 points (0.088 cm, 0.0347 in.)

As text setting select: font, Arial or Helvetica; size, 10 pt.

Under the preferences choose: units, points; tolerances, 3 pixels.

Under page setup choose: paper, US Letter; scale, 100%.

Using the ChemDraw ruler or appropriate margin settings, create structure blocks, schemes, and equations having maximum widths of 11.3 cm (one-column format) or 23.6 cm (two-column format). Note: if the foregoing preferences are selected as cm values, the ChemDraw ruler is calibrated in cm. Also note that a standard sheet of paper is only 21.6 cm wide, so all graphics submitted in two-column format must be prepared and printed in landscape mode.

Use boldface type for compound numbers but not for atom labels or captions.

Authors using other drawing packages should, as far as possible, modify their program's parameters to reflect the above guidelines.

### 8.3 Physical and other data

It is important that novel compounds, either synthetic or isolated/produced from natural sources, be characterized completely and unambiguously. Supporting data normally include physical form, melting point (if solid), UV/IR spectra, if appropriate, <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR, mass spectral data, and optical rotations or CD information (when compounds have chiral centers).

Reports on flavor constituents should conform to the recommendations made by the International Organization of the Flavor Industry (IOFI). Thus, substances must be identified using the latest analytical techniques. In general, any particular substance must have its identity confirmed by at least two methods; that means, in practice, comparison of chromatographic and spectroscopic data (which may include GC, MS, IR, and NMR) with those of an authentic sample. If only one method has been applied, the identification has to be labeled as “tentative”: This is also valid in case of identification performed only by comparison of literature data.

**Equations** should be numbered consecutively and referred to the text; *e.g.* defined as in Eq. (1).

**Physical data** should be quoted with decimal points (*e.g.* 25.8 Jk<sup>-1</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup>), and arranged as follows where possible – but in any event in the same order within the manuscript (when measurement conditions remain unchanged they need only be mentioned once, for instance in the column headings): m.p./b.p. 20°C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -13.5$  ( $c = 0.2$  in acetone) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, [D<sub>8</sub>]THF, 25°C, TMS):  $\delta = 1.3$  (q, <sup>3</sup>J (H, H) = 8 Hz, 2 H; CH<sub>2</sub>), 0.9 ppm (t, <sup>3</sup>J (H, H) = 8 Hz, 3 H; CH<sub>3</sub>); IR(Nujol):  $\tilde{\nu} = 1790$  cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=O); UV/Vis (*n*-hexane):  $\lambda_{\max}(\epsilon) = 320$  (5000), 270 nm (12 000); MS (70 eV):  $m/z$  (%): 108 (20) [M<sup>+</sup>], 107 (60) [M<sup>+</sup> – H], 91 (100) [C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>7</sub><sup>+</sup>]. Plane angles in products of units can have either ° or deg as the unit.

**Nomenclature, symbols, and units:** The rules and recommendations of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC), the International Union of Biochemistry (IUB), and the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics (IUPAP) should be adhered to.

## 8.4 Nucleotide and protein sequences

**New nucleotide data** must be submitted and deposited in the DDBJ/EMBL/GenBank databases and an accession number obtained before the paper can be accepted for publication. Submission to any one of the three collaborating databanks is sufficient to ensure data entry in all. The accession number should be included in the manuscript, *e.g.* as a footnote on the title page: ‘Note: Nucleotide sequence data reported are available in the DDBJ/EMBL/GenBank databases under the accession number(s) –’. If requested the database will withhold release of data until publication. The most convenient method for submitting sequence data is by the World Wide Web:

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<http://www.ebi.ac.uk/embl/Submission/webin.html>

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<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/BankIt/>

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<http://sakura.ddbj.nig.ac.jp/>

Alternatively, the stand-alone submission tool ‘Sequin’ is available from the EBI at <http://www3.ebi.ac.uk/Services/Sequin> and from NCBI at <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Sequin/>

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## 9 Standard abbreviations

The abbreviations as listed below may be used without definition in the articles published in **MNF**. Please refer to Section 5.12 for the correct usage of abbreviations in **MNF**.

A	absorbance	FAME	fatty acid methyl esters	NMR	nuclear magnetic resonance
ACN	acetonitrile	FITC	fluorescein isothiocyanate	od	outside diameter
A/D	analog to digital converter	GC	gas chromatography	OD	optical density
amu	atomic mass unit	GMO	genetically modified organism	ORF	open reading frame
API	atmospheric pressure ionization	HDL	high density lipoprotein	PAGE	polyacrylamide gel electro- phoresis
BMI	body mass index	HEPES	<i>N</i> -(2-hydroxyethyl)piperazine- 2'-(2-ethane-sulfonic acid)	PBS	phosphate-buffered saline
bp	base pairs	HPCE	high-performance capillary elec- trophoresis	PCR	polymerase chain reaction
BSA	bovine serum albumin	HPLC	high-performance liquid chro- matography	PEG	polyethylene glycol
CBB	Coomassie Brilliant Blue	HSA	human serum albumin	pI	isoelectric point
CE	capillary electrophoresis	HTML	hypertext mark-up language	PMSF	phenylmethylsulfonyl fluoride
CEC	capillary electrochromatography	id	inside diameter	PMT	photomultiplier tube
CFE	continuous flow electrophoresis	IEF	isoelectric focusing	ppm	parts <i>per</i> million
CID	collision-induced dissociation	Ig	immunoglobulin	PTFE	polytetrafluoroethylene
cpm	counts per minute	IL	interleukin	PUFA	polyunsaturated fatty acid
CV	coefficient of variation	INF	interferon	PVP	polyvinylpyrrolidone
CZE	capillary zone electrophoresis	IT	ion trap	RIA	radioimmunoassay
1-D	one-dimensional	kbp	kilobase pairs	RNA	ribonucleic acid
2-D	two-dimensional	kDa	kilodalton (molecular mass)	RP	reversed phase
Da	dalton (molecular mass)	LC	liquid chromatography	rpm	rotations <i>per</i> minute
DAD	diode-array detection (or diode- array detector)	LDL	low density lipoprotein	RSD	relative standard deviation
2-DE	two-dimensional gel electro- phoresis	LOD	limit of detection	RT-PCR	reverse transcriptase-PCR
DMEM	Dulbecco's modified Eagle medium	LOQ	limit of quantitation	SCFA	short chain fatty acid
DMF	<i>N,N</i> -dimethylformamide	LPS	lipopolysaccharide	SD	standard deviation
DMSO	dimethyl sulfoxide	mAb	monoclonal antibody	SDS	sodium dodecyl sulfate
dsDNA	double-stranded DNA	MALDI-	matrix-assisted laser desorption/ ionization mass spectrometry	SEM	standard error of the mean
DTT	dithiothreitol	MS	megabase pairs	SIM	selected ion monitoring
EDTA	ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid	Mbp	major histocompatibility com- plex	S/N	signal-to-noise ratio
EGTA	ethylene glycol-bis ( $\beta$ -amino- ethylether)- <i>N,N,N',N'</i> -tetraacetic acid	MHC	3-( <i>N</i> -morpholino)propanesulfo- nic acid	SPE	solid-phase extraction
ELISA	enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay	MOPS	relative molecular mass (dimen- sionless)	ssDNA	single-stranded DNA
EOF	electroosmotic flow	$M_r$	mass spectrometry	TFA	trifluoroacetic acid
ER	endoplasmic reticulum	MS	tandem mass spectrometry	THF	tetrahydrofuran
ESI	electrospray ionization	MS/MS	monounsaturated fatty acid	TIC	total ion current
FAB	fast atomic bombardment	MUFA	mass-to-charge ratio	TLC	thin-layer chromatography
		$m/z$		TOF	time of flight
				Tris	tris(hydroxymethyl)amino- methane
				URL	uniform resource locator
				Vh	volt $\times$ hours
				VLDL	very low density lipoprotein