

COMPARATIVE PARASITOLOGY

CHECKLIST FOR PREPARATION OF MANUSCRIPTS AND ILLUSTRATIONS

I. CONDITIONS FOR PUBLICATION

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Comparative Parasitology (COPA) is published semiannually by the Helminthological Society of Washington. *Comparative Parasitology* publishes original research in all branches of parasitology with special emphasis on comparative research in parasite taxonomy, systematics, ecology, biogeography and faunal survey and inventory within a morphological or molecular foundation.

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III. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Manuscript preparation

- ☐ Type manuscripts on 8½ x 11" or A4 paper, DOUBLE-SPACED THROUGHOUT, including Title Page, Literature Cited, Tables, and Figure Legends.
- ☐ Leave at least a 1" (2.5 cm) margin on all sides. Avoid hyphens or dashes at the ends of lines; do not divide a word at the end of a line.
- ☐ Use the same font and type size (11-12 pt) throughout. Choose a type font that distinguishes between "1" (one) and "l" (lower case letter L). Do not use proportional spacing or justified right margin. Do not include line numbers.
- ☐ Assemble manuscript in this order: Running Head, Title, Author(s), Author(s)' addresses, Corresponding Author, Abstract, Key Words, Text, Acknowledgments, Literature Cited, Tables (each numbered with an Arabic numeral and with heading provided), Figure Legends, Figures (each numbered with an Arabic numeral and identified by author and manuscript number on the reverse).
- ☐ Begin each section on a separate page. Number pages consecutively, in the upper right corner, beginning with the title page (Page 1), and including all pages submitted except figure pages.

General points of style

- ☐ Use only 1 space between sentences. Eliminate extra spaces between words.
- ☐ Center and boldface all major section headings.
- ☐ Write out numbers beginning a sentence, otherwise use numerals throughout, except in common phrases such as "one of us ...", etc.
- ☐ Provide geographical coordinates (at least degrees and minutes) of collection sites/localities.
- ☐ Spell out state, province, county and other political or geographical divisions unless they are used in a table or figure with a key to the abbreviation(s).
- ☐ Country names should be spelled in English (e.g., Brazil *not* Brasil, Mexico *not* México). Names of localities, states, provinces etc. may be anglicized or written in the local language (e.g., Lago de Pátzcuaro *or* Lake Patzcuaro).
- ☐ Specify U.S.A. in localities as appropriate (e.g., Iron Horse Lake, Pawnee County, Nebraska, U.S.A.).
- ☐ Mark insertion of figures and tables with pencil in the left margin of text.
- ☐ Double-check for typographical errors and misspellings; use your spell-check program.

Use of taxonomic names and authorities

Scientific binomens must be included for all hosts and parasites mentioned. Where possible, provide the common name of each host species on first mention, or in a table when many hosts are involved.

For genus and species names and other italics, use either italic font or underlining, but be consistent in using one or the other.

Write out the genus name of a species in full when it is first mentioned in the text (after the Abstract), even if it is part of a series of species in the same genus. Thereafter, abbreviate the genus name, unless it is the first word of a sentence (e.g., "*Schistosoma mansoni* and *Schistosoma japonicum*" on first usage; subsequently, "*S. mansoni*" and "*S. japonicum*"). If 2 or more genera begin with the same letter, generic abbreviations should distinguish genera (e.g., "*Aedes aegypti* and *Anopheles gambiae*" on first usage; subsequently "*Ae. aegypti*" and "*An. gambiae*"). Similarly, the specific name may be abbreviated in a trinomen (e.g., "*Trionyx spiniferus spiniferus* and *Trionyx spiniferus hartwegi*" on first usage, subsequently, "*T. s. spiniferus*" and "*T. s. hartwegi*").

Comparative Parasitology does not require that each species name be accompanied by a taxonomic author and date. However, full citation of a taxon (*Genus species* author, date) is encouraged when the manuscript conveys taxonomic intent. In all cases, be consistent in citation pattern (i.e., include taxonomic authors or authors and

dates for no taxon, or for all taxa, or for all parasitic taxa but no host taxon, etc.).

Genus and species names should not be used as adjectives (e.g., “*Schistosoma cercariae*”) or as plurals (e.g., “some *Schistosoma mansoni*”).

Use the species name to refer to the taxon; avoid using it to refer to individuals of a species or genus.

IV. TITLE PAGE

The Title Page is page 1 and should include, in the following order:

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- ☐ Where possible, give common names of hosts, followed by the scientific names. Use of taxonomic author(s) in the title is optional.
- ☐ Authors' names, listed sequentially on the line, printed in “small caps”, and beginning at the left margin.
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V. THE ABSTRACT

- ☐ The Abstract begins on page 2. The abstract is not indented and begins with the word “ABSTRACT” followed by a colon and the text of the abstract.

Be concise; include brief statements about the intent, methods, results, and significance of findings, and mention all new taxa.

Indicate systematic or nomenclatural acts but do not give diagnoses of new taxa in the Abstract.

Do not cite references or use abbreviations in the Abstract.

VI. KEY WORDS

Immediately follow the Abstract on Page 2. This section is tab indented and begins with the phrase “Key Words” followed by a colon and a list of key words.

- ☐ Provide key words (usually up to 10 or 12) for indexing purposes. Include parasite and host names (both common and scientific names); major higher taxonomic groups (family, order, class, etc); geographic locality names; habitat names; state or province, country names; major methods used, etc.

VII. TEXT

The text of a full paper begins on page 3 and consists of an Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results, Discussion, and Acknowledgments. Each section, except the “Introduction”, is a first-level heading (centered, bold).

Three general levels of headings format are available.

First-level headings are bold and centered with all letters in capitals. First-level headings are applied only to primary manuscript sections (e.g., “VII. Text”, above, uses first-level format).

Second-level headings are bold, flush with the left margin, and begin with a capital letter. Capitals are used in the remainder of the heading only for proper nouns. Second-level headings are used as required to subdivide major sections of the manuscript (e.g., “Taxonomic descriptions”, below, uses second-level format).

Third-level headings are tab indented, italic face and begin with a full capital letter. Third-level headings end in a colon and the text follows immediately in normal case (e.g., “*Third-level heading*: Text runs in ...”).

“Taxon-level” headings are reserved for taxonomic and faunal or distribution

study papers. They are bold, centered, and begin with a capital letter. Capitals are used in the remainder of the heading only for proper nouns.

The paragraphs or sections of a Research Note do not have headings.

The “Introduction” has no section heading.

In the “Materials and Methods” section, report and describe all methods and techniques used in sufficient detail for the reader to duplicate the procedures. This can be done by citing to standard references or previous articles.

The “Materials and Methods”, “Results”, and “Discussion” sections may be subdivided for clarity using second-level and third-level headings. If subdivisions are employed they should be used consistently across primary sections of the manuscript.

In the “Acknowledgments” section recognize both the assistance of persons who are not authors and of supporting organizations. Spell out the organization name; do not use acronyms. Acknowledge funding sources and support. Indicate whether the work was done in partial completion of degree, and if so, the institution. Authors should acknowledge applicable collecting, import or export permits and ethical approvals in this section.

Citations

Citations in the text follow the “Name-Year” or “Harvard System” style. Citations in the text:

1. are parenthetical by author and date (e.g., “(Snyder, 1996)”);
2. are arranged chronologically and then alphabetically;
3. use “and” between authors (do not use “&”);
4. use a comma between author(s) and the date;
5. use “First-author et al.” for 3 or more authors (if this is not sufficient to distinguish among cited works, add subsequent authors to each text citation as required);
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7. include only published works.

Published works are those that meet the criteria for publication established by the *International Code of Zoological Nomenclature*, 4th edition. Most theses and dissertations are *unpublished works* under these criteria. In the rare instance that an author must refer to an unpublished work it is cited as a personal communication (e.g. (Ormières, 1967, personal communication)) or as an unpublished work (e.g., (Modak, 1998: unpublished thesis, University of Kalyani, Kalyani, West Bengal, India)).

Taxonomic descriptions

Descriptions of new taxa and redescrptions of known taxa should be presented instead of the “Results”.

Taxonomic descriptions include 5 subsections: the taxon name and figure callout, diagnosis, description, taxonomic summary, and remarks. Taxonomic descriptions should conform as closely as possible to the following format and order:

Name of the taxon as a taxon-level heading (bold, centered, sentence case capitalization). The intention of authors to establish new nominal taxa must be explicit. Authors must make their intentions explicit in the headings by using appropriate abbreviations of Latin or anglicized terms for “new family” (“fam. nov.” or “n. fam.”), “new genus” (“g. nov.” or “n. g.”), new species (“sp. nov.” or “n. sp.”), new subspecies (“ssp. nov.” or “n. ssp.”), etc. The abbreviation “nom. nov.” (“nomen novum”) is used only to indicate a new replacement name. The abbreviation “stat. nov.” should not be used.

Figure numbers follow parenthetically as a taxon-level heading on the line immediately under the taxon name.

The “**Diagnosis**” subsection follows, beginning with “Diagnosis” as a second-level heading. The diagnosis should be written in “telegraphic” style but should not be subdivided.

The “**Description**” subsection follows, beginning with “Description” as a second-level heading. The description section should be written in telegraphic style and may be logically subdivided using third-level headings (e.g., “*Males*:”, “*Females*:”, “*Redia*:”, etc.).

The “**Taxonomic Summary**” section follows and is comprised of several paragraphs (each of which begins with a third-level heading, flush left) to establish the: “*Type host*:” Use full common and species binomen on first mention where possible. Taxonomic authorities and dates are not required unless authors wish to express explicit intentions regarding host taxonomy. (e.g. “Hermann’s tortoise, *Testudo hermanni*” or “Hermann’s tortoise, *Testudo hermanni* Gmelin, 1789);

“*Type locality/collection date*:” Include geographical or political location and geographic coordinates. Collection dates and collectors may be included in this section (e.g., “South Catalonia, Spain, 41°23’14”N, 2°11’17”E, 17 December 1993, by Carlos Feliu”);

“*Site(s) of infection*:” (e.g., “Cecum”);

“Prevalence and intensity of infection:” Report mean, standard error or standard deviation, and range as available. (e.g., “Seven of 29 hosts sampled (24%, 25.7±25.4, 2-65)”);

“Specimens deposited:” Give the museum names and accession (catalogue) numbers of all deposited type and voucher specimens. *Comparative Parasitology* requires that all such specimens be deposited in a qualified, curated museum collection. Retention of name bearing type specimens in private collections is in violation of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature. See *COPA*, 2000, 67(2):189 for more details;

“Records:” For redescriptions, list other geographic and host associations and cite previous reports;

“Specimens examined:” Identify by loaning museum and accession (catalogue) numbers, other specimens examined; and,

“Etymology:” Describe the origin and meaning of the proposed new name.

The **“Remarks”** subsection follows, beginning with “Remarks” as a second-level heading. Discuss in full text (*not* telegraphic style) the features of the new taxon, compare it with existing taxa, and clearly discuss the features that differentiate the proposed taxon from existing taxa. In single-description papers, this subsection can replace the Discussion.

Authors should examine recent issues of *COPA* for examples of style and format of taxonomic descriptions.

Faunal and distribution studies

Comparative Parasitology welcomes original research in parasite systematics, distribution and faunal survey. These contributions often incorporate a significant review of the existing knowledge of the geographical distribution and host-taxon relationships of parasites. Faunal and distribution studies are presented in a format similar to that used for taxonomic descriptions.

Reports of faunal association and distribution (i.e., reviews of host and locality records) replace the “Results” section.

The format for a faunal and distribution study may be structured by parasite taxon, host taxon or locality. The format outlined below is appropriate for a faunal study structured by host taxon. Authors should adapt this format to suit the structure of their data.

A faunal study structured by host taxon is divided into host subsections using taxon-level headings (i.e., each host taxon begins a new section). Each host section includes 1 subsection for each parasite taxon reported. Parasite sections begin with the parasite taxon formatted as a second-level heading. In turn, each parasite section may include the following subsections: the parasite taxon name, figure callout, prevalence and intensity, site(s) of infection, type host, other reported hosts, locality records, specimens deposited, specimens examined, other known specimens, and remarks. The parasite taxon header and figure callout are formatted as second-level headings. Remaining subsections begin with the subsection name formatted as a third-level heading. The subsections defined here are not exclusive: authors should add or remove subsections to suit their study.

The general format of a faunal study structured by host taxon is discussed as a self-referential example below.

Host taxon

Authority, date of publication

An unheaded host paragraph follows the host taxon header and presents sample sizes, sampling dates, sampling localities, and any applicable host data (e.g., size, age, sex distributions, etc.).

Parasite species Authority, date

(Figs. 1-2) As appropriate, figure numbers follow parenthetically as a second-level heading on the line immediately under the parasite taxon heading.

(Syn. *Synonym sp.*, Authority, date). As appropriate, synonymy is presented in an unheaded paragraph following the parasite taxon header and figure callout. If systematic or nomenclatural changes are proposed, authors must make their intentions explicit by using appropriate abbreviations (e.g., “syn. nov.” or “n. syn.”).

The remaining subsections follow as a series of paragraphs (each of which begins with a third-level heading, flush left). Each paragraph presents data from current study followed by data from other known studies. Citations of other reported studies follow their data parenthetically and reports are separated by semicolons. These sections report the:

“Prevalence and intensity:” Report mean, standard error or standard deviation, and range as available. (e.g., “Seven of 29 hosts sampled (24%, 25.7±25.4, 2-65); 3 of 9 hosts sampled (33%) (Adler, 1968)”);

“Site(s) of infection:” (e.g., “Cecum”);

“Type host:” Use full common and species binomen on first mention where possible. Taxonomic authorities and dates are not required unless authors wish to express explicit intentions regarding host taxonomy. (e.g. “Hermann’s tortoise, *Testudo*

hermanni” or “Hermann’s tortoise, *Testudo hermanni* Gmelin, 1789);

“Other reported hosts:” Follow instructions for “type host”, above. Cite references for host reports that are not a result of the current study. Use a comma to separate citations from their host reports and a semicolon to separate host reports. (e.g., “Ornate box turtle, *Terrapene ornata*, (Blair, 1976); Eastern box turtle, *Terrapene carolina*, (Stock, 1972)” or “Ornate box turtle, *Terrapene ornata* (Agassiz, 1857), (Blair, 1976); Eastern box turtle, *Terrapene carolina* (Linnaeus, 1758), (Stock, 1972)”);

“Locality records:” Include geographical or political location and geographic coordinates where available (e.g., “Kanagawa, Japan (35°30’N, 139°50’E); Shiga, Japan (Yamaguti, 1941); Wakayama, Japan (Yamaguti, 1935b)”);

“Specimens deposited:” Give the museum names and accession (catalogue) numbers of all deposited type and voucher specimens;

“Specimens examined:” Identify by loaning museum and accession (catalogue) numbers, other specimens examined; and,

“Other known specimens:” Give the museum names and accession (catalogue) numbers of other known type and voucher specimens.

The **“Remarks”** subsection follows, beginning with “Remarks” as a second-level heading. Discuss in full text (*not* telegraphic style) conclusions or significant synthesis regarding the parasite taxon. Justification for specific nomenclatural or systematic acts should be presented here. Occasionally, a parasite taxon appears more than once in a single manuscript (e.g., a single parasite taxon is reported from 2 or more host taxa in the current study). In these cases, remarks on a parasite taxon that are applicable to several host taxa should be presented on the first appearance of the parasite taxon. On subsequent appearance authors should refer to their previous remarks (e.g., “see remarks on *Gregarina munieri* under *Diabrotica undecimpunctata*.”). Alternatively, authors may present remarks of a more inclusive nature in the “Discussion”.

VIII. LITERATURE CITED

Published and unpublished works

Published works are those that meet the criteria for publication established by the *International Code of Zoological Nomenclature*, 4th edition. Most theses and dissertations are *unpublished works* under these criteria. In the rare instance that an author must refer to an unpublished work it is cited as a personal communication (e.g. (Ormières, 1967, personal communication)) or as an unpublished work (e.g., (Modak, 1998: unpublished thesis, University of Kalyani, Kalyani, West Bengal, India)).

General points of style

- ☐ All journal names must be written in full.
- ☐ Verify all citations against original sources, especially journal titles, accents, diacritical marks, and spelling. Capitalize nouns in German.
- ☐ List in alphabetical order by first author’s surname, and secondarily in chronological order.
- ☐ For any single author or combination of authors that appears more than once, list the full author citation for each reference cited. (Do not replace names with an underscore after their first appearance.)
- ☐ If a reference does not fit on a page, carry the entire reference to the next page.
- ☐ Format this section by paragraphs with hanging indentations using the sample formats provided below.

Sample formats

Journal article:

Snyder, S. D., and V. V. Tkach. 2001. Phylogenetic and biogeographical relationships among some Holarctic frog lung flukes. *Journal of Parasitology* 87:1433-1440.

Book:

Levine, N. D. 1980. *Nematode Parasites of Domestic Animals and of Man*, 2nd ed. Burgess Publishing Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota, U.S.A. 477 pp.

Book chapter:

Amin, O. M. 1985. Classification. Pages 27-72 in D. W. T. Crompton and B. B. Nickol, eds. *Biology of the Acanthocephala*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, U.K. (Total number of pages of the book is optional.)

Russian monograph translations:

Skrjabin, K. I. 1952. *Key to the Parasitic Nematodes*. Volume 3: Strongylata. Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R., St. Petersburg. Translated from Russian for the U.S. National Science Foundation and Department of Agriculture by the Israel Program for Scientific Translations. 1961. Office of Technical Services, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C., U.S.A. 434 pp.

IX. TABLES

- ☐ Begin each table on a separate page.
- ☐ Tables should be double-spaced.
- ☐ Each table must have a title written in paragraph style, beginning with the word "Table". Only the first word of the title, proper nouns, and appropriate scientific names are capitalized.
- ☐ Tables are numbered sequentially using Arabic numerals.
- ☐ Tables should be able to "stand alone" (i.e., the title and the body of the table should be understandable without reference to the text).
- ☐ Species names are spelled out in full the first time used in the title or table. The generic name is abbreviated on subsequent use.
- ☐ Use only horizontal lines to separate title, column headings, and body.
- ☐ Separate and align columns clearly.
- ☐ Do not reduce the size of type used in tables. Tables may span pages or be printed using landscape format if necessary.
- ☐ All abbreviations and/or symbols, including statistical notations, should be identified and/or defined by footnote below the table.
- ☐ Use sec, min, hr, d, wk, mo, yr, and 3-letter abbreviations for months.
- ☐ Designate footnotes using the following obligate symbol sequence: *†‡§¶#.

X. FIGURE LEGENDS

- ☐ Begin on a separate page with the phrase "Figure Legends" as a first-level heading.
- ☐ Double-space Figure Legends and group them according to figure arrangements. Quadruple space between groups.
- ☐ Each figure or plate of figures must have a caption.
- ☐ The caption is written in paragraph style, beginning with the word "Figure(s)."
- ☐ For plates, a summary statement should precede the specific explanation of each figure. Bold leading element and figure references as shown below. Avoid repeating information for each figure that can be placed in the summary statement. (e.g., "**Figures 1-4.** Life cycle of *Gregarina coronata* n. sp. 1. Trophozoites. 2. Immature gamonts. 3. Mature gamonts. 4. Oocysts.")
- ☐ Species names are spelled out in full the first time used in each caption.
- ☐ The caption must contain an explanation of all abbreviations used on the figures and indicate the value of lines or bars used to show size (unless the value is shown directly on the figure).

XI. PREPARATION OF FIGURES

General production of figures

Figures are black and white half-tones (photographs), drawings, or graphs. CONSULT EDITOR ABOUT COLOR. Reproduction in *COPA* is virtually identical to what is submitted, thus illustrations must be prepared to professional standards. Flaws will not be corrected.

Maximum length for published figures is 8" (20.3 cm), including legend.

Two published widths are available: a) single-column, 2.5" (6.4 cm) or b) double-column, 5.5" (14 cm). Authors should indicate designed preferences in their cover letter.

Original photographic prints should be submitted in final journal size; if submitted oversize, no larger than 10" x 13" (25 cm x 33 cm).

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Lines and printing must be sharp, dark, and uniform. Coarse dot matrix printing, graphics produced by most word-processing programs and freehand lettering are not acceptable.

Number figures with Arabic numerals in the order in which they are referred to in the text.

Multiple figures or photos should be arranged, if possible, to be read left to right, top to bottom.

Arrange multiple figures to minimize "white space" and reduction.

Place symbols, scale bars, regression formulas, units, etc., directly on the figure rather than in the figure legend.

Graphs must "stand alone" (i.e., they should be understandable without reference to the text). Each axis should be completely labeled directly on the figure rather than in the figure legend. Coarse dot matrix printing or hand-drawn figures or lettering are not acceptable.

Figure labels should contrast sufficiently with the background to be easily read.

Groups of photographs should be "butted", i.e., mounted neatly together with no white space between. The press will insert white separation lines.

Leave a margin around each figure (including photographs) of at least ½" (1.2 cm) and 1" (2.5 cm) at the top.

Mount each figure or plate (group of figures, arranged as the author desires) on a white hardboard backing, using artist's wax, dry mount paper, or a stable clear glue. (The Editor recommends a good quality glue stick and double weight Bristol board or white matte board.) Do not use rubber cement, which darkens with age. Do not submit loose, unmounted figures with the final version of the revised manuscript.

Use press-on letters very carefully, because they can flake and break. They can be protected by a clear spray fixative or clear tape. Typed or handwritten letters are unacceptable.

Attach a protective cover sheet over the entire figure or plate.

Legibly mark all mounted figures and/or figure plates on the back with the author(s)' name(s), Manuscript number, Running Head title, and figure number, and indicate "TOP".

Photos must be produced by standard processes or by diffusion-transfer imaging (PMT). Halftone photos are unsuitable for publication.

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Enclose a hard copy for use by the editors, as well as a 3.5" diskette, ZIP disk, or Joliet standard CD with the file(s).

Files must be in TIFF or EPS format, at least 350dpi. If you have questions as to the format, contact the editor.

Original figures will not be returned unless requested by the authors.

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