

Instructions to Authors

The Journal publishes papers from the following areas of immunology:

- Clinical Immunology & Allergology
- Innate Immunity
- Tumour Immunology
- Adaptive Immunity
- Immunopathology
- Immunogenetics
- Parasite Immunology
- Immunochemistry

The Journal considers for publication original research papers. In exceptional cases we aim to publish high priority papers of special importance on-line within 4-6 weeks of submission. On occasion, the Journal will publish reviews, editorials and letters to the editor. Reviews should be solicited by the editors. Editorials are primarily contributed by the editors but may also be accepted from authors not associated with the Journal. Letters to the editor should deal with matters of urgent scientific interest and should be very brief.

Copyright. Submission of a manuscript implies that the submitted work has not been published before (except as part of a thesis or lecture note or report, or in the form of an abstract); that it is not under consideration for publication elsewhere; that its publication has been approved by all co-authors as well as by the authorities at the institute where the work has been carried out; that written permission of copyright holders was obtained by the authors for material used from other copyrighted sources; that, if and when the manuscript is accepted for publication, the authors hand over the transferable copyrights of the accepted manuscript to the publisher; and that the manuscript or parts thereof will thus not be published elsewhere in any language without the consent of the copyright holder. Copyrights include, without spatial or timely limitation, the mechanical, electronic and visual reproduction and distribution; electronic storage and retrieval; and all other forms of electronic publication or any other types of publication including all subsidiary rights.

Manuscripts should be written in English, double-spaced and divided into the following sections: Abstract, Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results, Discussion, Acknowledgements, References and Figure legends. The title page must comprise the title, a short title to be used as a running head (not exceeding 50 characters), the name(s) of the author(s), address(es), an address for correspondence, and a list of abbreviations used in the paper.

References should be cited in the text by first author name and year (Surname, Year) and listed alphabetically in the references section, for example:

(Schmidt & Mayer, 1999; Aaron et al., 2001a, b)

Aaron JP, Park CH and York, NA. 2001a. Altered immune response in Wkb^{-/-} knockout mice. *Am. J. Immunol.* 98: 545-556.

Aaron JP, Wang X, York NA and MacTabor WD. 2001b. New immune system mediators working through the Wkb signalling pathway. *J. Med. Immun.* 8: 12-34.

Schmidt J and Mayer M. 1999. The role of the WKB gene family in lymphocyte recruitment. *J. Inflamm.* 52: 68-79.

The author is fully responsible for the accuracy of bibliographic references.

Figures may be submitted as line drawings or glossy prints (9 by 12 cm), or electronically (see below). Figure legends should contain sufficient detail to be understood without reference to the text. Hardprint composite illustrations should be mounted on cardboard. Colour photographs are accepted but the author will be charged 50% of the additional expenses (approx. EUR 500 per page).

Tables should each be typed on a separate page and should contain sufficient information to be understood without reference to the text. Footnotes to tables should be numbered and placed on the same page.

Electronic submission: Please send your typescript as a Word or pdf document by e-mail to:

immunobiol@le.ac.uk

Figures can be sent as pdf, doc, ppt, jpg, gif or tif files. Files in other formats may not be viewable by the reviewers.

Postal submission: Please send three complete copies of your manuscript to:

Professor Wilhelm Schwaeble
Editor-in-Chief, Immunobiology
Division of Immunology, Medical Sciences Building
University of Leicester
Leicester
LE1 9HN
United Kingdom

Fast-track submission: In exceptional cases papers of outstanding quality and promise deserving rapid publication may be sent direct to a section editor for review. The aim is to publish these high priority papers on line within 4-6 weeks of submission. Please indicate in your cover letter/e-mail that you are submitting a fast-track paper direct to the section editor.

Manuscripts accepted for publication should preferably be sent in their final versions either by e-mail or on diskette as Word documents with accompanying figures as separate tif or eps files.

Proofs and reprints will be sent to the author named for correspondence. Only galley proofs are sent to the authors. No page charges or handling fees are required. For each paper, 25 reprints will be provided free of charge. Additional reprints will be charged for and must be ordered at the time the corrected proofs are returned to the publisher. - All corrected proofs shall be sent by the authors to the following address:

Publisher's address:

URBAN & FISCHER VERLAG
Journals Division
Petra Enderlein
Löbdergraben 14a
D-07743 Jena, Germany
Phone: +49(0)3641-62 64 63
Fax: +49(0)3641-62 64 62