

Notes for authors submitting papers to the Mineralogical Magazine

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Conditions of acceptance

Papers and Letters will only be published if they have not previously been published and will not be published in substantially the same form elsewhere. Copyright of all papers accepted for publication shall be transferred to the Society.

Style

Papers should be written in a free literary style, but should be as concise as is consistent with clarity. Unnecessary detail should be avoided and complex data (such as crystallographic structure factors) should be deposited with the editor who will make copies available on request. Publication delays and much extra work for the editors often result from a lack of attention to proper presentation. It is useful to invite a colleague who is not a specialist in the subject under discussion to read the paper before it is submitted and to criticize it for style as well as content. Normally a paper should not exceed 12000 words and most will not approach this length. The manuscript should be in its final form when submitted and modifications are not normally possible after acceptance for publication.

The editor should be consulted at once if serious errors are noticed after submission of a typescript. Do not delay notifying such errors until the proof stage, otherwise the authors may be asked to pay for alterations.

The Concise Oxford Dictionary will be taken as standard for spelling and H.W. Fowler's Dictionary of Modern English usage for grammar and punctuation.

Manuscripts

These must be submitted in duplicate and supplied with double line spacing throughout, with ample (4 cm) margins. All pages must be numbered and there should be enough space above the title for the editor to insert the running heads. The text (including title, headings and subheadings) should be in lower case except for initial letters of personal and place names. Items to be printed in italic should be underlined, but no other underlining should be used. Please refer to a recent issue of the Journal for the requisite layout, especially for the title, authors' names and addresses, abstract and references. **Note that the journal now accepts manuscript submissions electronically. Ideally, all components of the paper (i.e. text, tables, figures) should be included in a single pdf file, to be sent by e-mail to the editorial office at minmag@esc.cam.ac.uk. Note that manuscripts submitted in this way are generally processed more quickly.**

Letters

This new format of paper is introduced to offer authors the opportunity to have important new work reviewed and published quickly. A review will be sent to the authors within four weeks of receipt of the paper and accepted letters will be published within 1–2 months. Letters will not normally exceed 400 words or 5 printed journal pages (including figures and tables).

Short Communications and Mineralogical Notes

Both of these formats have been discontinued as of 1 January 1998.

Manuscript

Title

Only papers containing a significant element of new information will be published and the titles of all papers should reflect this. Papers merely reporting new occurrences of a previously discovered mineral will not normally be considered for publication unless adhering to the first condition in this paragraph. The editor's decision will be final in this regard. An alternative avenue for publication may be suggested in such cases.

Abstract

An abstract of not more than 200 words, and preferably less, must accompany all Papers and Letters. This should state the principal results of the work, conclusions drawn and new mineral names proposed. New data presented should be mentioned.

Headings

Normally a maximum of three levels of sub-heading is used: the major sub-heading is printed in bold and ranged left, the second order is italic and ranged left, and the third order indented and italic and followed on the next line by indented body text. All headings should be given in lower case.

Data

These should not be repeated from the literature unless they are from inaccessible journals and are discussed in the text. It may be appropriate for papers on rare or obscure minerals to contain a concise summary of available data. The publication of new data is encouraged, although certain large data sets, as mentioned earlier, may be filed with the editor. X-ray powder diffraction data will normally only be published for new minerals, for new compositions in an isomorphous series, or when they are an improvement on those already in the PDF. Where powder data are used for identification, a statement that they are very similar or identical with those in the literature is sufficient.

Numbers

Large numbers and very small numbers should either be quoted in the form of powers or by grouping the digits in threes without the insertion of commas. With decimal numbers less than 1, the zero before the decimal point must be included.

Tables and illustrations

Figures and tables should be kept to a minimum and will only be printed if essential. Tables should be prepared or saved using a word processing package with entries in adjacent columns separated by tabs. Authors should use footnotes to the tables to provide ancillary information rather than add such text to the title. Figures: (i) line art should be black on a white background of high-gloss art paper or board. Figures must not be submitted on tracing paper. Originals should normally not exceed 21 x 30 cm, and authors should give some consideration to the size of the lettering used because most figures are reduced for publication. Times New Roman and Helvetica, or equivalent typefaces, must be used for the lettering on the figures. Unless absolutely necessary, italic or bold characters should be avoided. Adjacent grey scales should differ by at least 20% to ensure sufficient contrast; (ii) half-tone plates (photographs) should be submitted as photographic prints to be scanned by the typesetter. The standard of all the figures must be equivalent to that of a professional draughtsman or photographer. Unsatisfactory diagrams will be returned to authors for redrafting. Authors are encouraged to submit electronic versions of figures (together with

the high-quality paper or photographic versions). Native Adobe Illustrator® (.ai), Photoshop® (.psd), encapsulated postscript (EPS) and .tif/.bmp formats are acceptable. Before exporting as EPS, please select all objects and then export using "selected only". Illustrations **must not** be embedded in text files and no other file formats are acceptable.

Colour Plates

Illustrations in colour may be accepted if necessary for the understanding of the paper. The Principal Editor will decide whether or not colour reproduction is appropriate.

Electronic submission of manuscripts

The final version of all manuscripts must be accompanied by a floppy/zip disk or CD-ROM containing the files for all text, tables and captions. MS Word is the preferred format for the text and tables. The acceptable media are PC-formatted 3.5-inch disks, 100 MB Iomega zip disks, and CDs. High-density, but not medium-density, MAC-formatted diskettes are also accepted. CDs must be prepared as data CDs so that they can be read on any computer.

Footnotes

These should be avoided where possible. When necessary, they should be inserted on the same manuscript pages as the passage to which they refer.

References

These should be supplied typed with double line spacing. Experience has shown that in many typescripts the references have not been checked. No reference should be cited that has not been seen by the author, unless it is distinguished by square brackets and the source seen is quoted. References are arranged alphabetically, although some historical papers may give them in chronological order with the date first. For several publications of an author with different co-authors the following order must be followed: (a) publications of the author alone, in chronological order; (b) publications of the author with a single co-author, in alphabetical order of co-authors; (c) publications of the author with more than one co-author, in chronological order (as they are cited in the form 'Jones *et al.*' in the text). Authors must check that all references listed are cited correctly in the text, and vice-versa. The titles of all papers must be included in the references and should be exactly as in the original. A translation should be appended in the case of Teutonic or Romance languages. References that have gone through many editions under different editors

should be referred to under the original author (e.g. *Dana's System of Mineralogy*). **Journal titles must be given in full in the reference list. This is a change implemented at the start of 2002.**

Mineral Names

New mineral names will not be finally accepted for publication until they have been approved by the Commission on New Mineral Names of the International Mineralogical Association. Papers including new names may be accepted provisionally, pending the Commission's decision. Names of rocks and minerals should not be written with initial capitals.

Place Names

These should not be abbreviated. It should always be possible to find them in a good atlas.

Mathematical Expressions

These are often written in a form unsuitable for printing. Short, simple expressions and equations should be set on a line with the text unless they are numbered, when they should be on lines of their own. Fractions should normally be written with the solidus (/) and all algebraically necessary brackets must be used. A common error is to write Fe/Fe+Mg for Fe/(Fe+Mg).

Chemical Formulae

Note that a subscript number outside parentheses multiplies everything inside the parentheses. Thus (Fe_{1.5}Mg_{0.5})₂ means Fe₃Mg; the correct form is (Fe_{1.5}Mg_{0.5})_{Σ2.0}. Ionic charge is indicated by a superscript plus or minus sign following the symbol for the ion; for multiple charges an Arabic superscript numeral precedes the sign, e.g. K⁺, Fe³⁺.

Hyphens

These often cause trouble; they are necessary between the members of a compound adjective ('the unit-cell contents', but 'the unit cell contains', and 'high-temperature polymorph' but 'reaction at high temperatures'). Double barrelled names or adjective noun pairs cannot be hyphenated ('the boundary between New York and New Jersey' not 'the New York-New Jersey boundary'). In lists of minerals in parageneses and associations a hyphen with spaces before and after will be printed as an en-rule.

Diacritical Marks

Diacritical Marks (accents, umlauts, etc.) should never be omitted, nor should the German modified vowels

be written as ae, oe, and ue unless they are so written in the original. Both forms are used in personal names.

Symbols, Units and Abbreviations

The International System of Units (SI) is to be used, although certain widely used and convenient derived or special units are retained: e.g. centimetre, Ångstrom, litre, calorie and kilocalorie, bar and kilobar (the latter must be abbreviated as kbar). The micron is replaced by the micrometre and the millimicron by the nanometre. Millions of years are denoted Ma (or m.y.).

Sides and angles of the crystallographic unit cell are denoted a, b, c (not a, b, c_0 , etc.). Co-ordinates of atoms in a crystal structure are given as fractions of the cell sides: x, y, z . Crystallographic axes are also labelled a, b, c (in the hexagonal system a_1, b_2, c_3, c). The Miller axes should be used for crystals having a rhombohedral lattice. The Hermann-Mauguin symbols should be used for the 32 crystal classes and the 230 space groups; the Schoenflies symbols may be added if desired. If the space group has been newly determined or re-determined, the systematic absences should be cited as well as the space-group symbol.

All the X-ray spacings should be given in Å; when quoting from old data, care should be taken to ascertain whether the units are true Å or kX (Siebahn units). Face-indices are enclosed in parentheses (), form-indices in braces { }, zone-indices in brackets [], a form of zones in carets < >, while X-ray diffractions are not enclosed. When hexagonal indices are given the third index should not be omitted and, where one index exceeds 9, it should be written as e.g. 4.6.10.0.

Refractive indices and principal axes of indicatrix are a, b, c , (biaxial crystals), e and v (uniaxial crystals) n (isotropic material). The true optic axial angle is $2V_\alpha$ or $2V_\gamma$ not $2V^-$ or $2V^+$. This angle measured in air is $2E$ and, in an immersion medium, $2H$. Dispersion of the angle is written $v > r$, meaning that the angle for violet is greater than for red. Extinction angles should be recorded as in the following example $\psi(110), c':[001] = 10^\circ$ in the obtuse angle $[001]:[110]$.

Normative symbols should be those defined by the authors of the normative system, e.g. Cross, Iddings, Pirsson and Washington (*Journal of Geology*, 1902) but where the norm is less familiar the abbreviation should be defined. Other widely used contractions may be employed but *ad hoc* contractions should have

at least three letters.

Other abbreviations and symbols

P pressure

V volume

T temperature

D density

REE rare-earth elements

I/I₀ relative intensity

d interplanar spacing

Fe-*K* radiation

|| parallel to

p. page

pp. pages

c. circa

calc. calculated

meas. measured

obs. observed

vs. versus

et al. et alii = and others

i.e. id est = that is

e.g. exempli gratii = for example

cf. confer - compare