

Author Instructions of *Smart Materials and Devices*

1. Editorial Policy

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The manuscript's topic must align within the journal's scope. For detailed information, please refer to the [Aims and Scope](#).

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Each submission must be accompanied by a cover letter. A cover letter should briefly introduce the study, highlight its significance, and explain why it is suitable for the journal. It should include the manuscript title, a statement confirming the manuscript's originality and that it is not under consideration elsewhere, and any relevant disclosures or conflicts of interest. Additionally, if the manuscript is being submitted to a specific Special Issue, specify its exact name in the cover letter; if

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Thank you for considering our submission. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Affiliation]

[Your Contact Information]

2.2 Article types

SMD accepts Article, Review, Perspective, and Editorial. Please prepare your manuscript according to the writing requirements for each manuscript type listed in the table below.

Manuscript Type	Definition	Abstract	Keywords	Text format
Article	A Research Article presents original study findings, providing evidence, analysis, and discussion on a specific topic.	Unstructured; max. 250 words	3-8	Introduction, Experimental Section, Results and Discussion, Conclusion
Review	A Review article summarizes and evaluates existing research on a specific topic, providing a synthesis of current knowledge.	Unstructured; max. 250 words	3-8	Introduction, Main body (subsections), Conclusion

Perspective	A Perspective article provides an author's viewpoint or interpretation on a particular topic or issue.	Unstructured; max. 250 words	3-6	N/A
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Editorial	An Editorial presents the opinions or perspectives of the journal's Editors on a particular issue or topic.	N/A	N/A	N/A
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2.3 Manuscript Structure

2.3.1 Title

The title of the manuscript should be concise, specific, and relevant. It should clearly state the main result or conclusion of the manuscript, omitting implicit terms and avoiding abbreviations. If gene or protein names are included, use the abbreviated names rather than the full names.

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2.3.3 Abstract

Research article, review, and perspective require unstructured abstracts. The Abstract section should provide a concise summary of the study, capturing the essence of your research in a single, fluid paragraph.

- Briefly introduce the research objective or problem, providing context and highlighting the significance of the study.
- Summarize the main experimental techniques or approaches used, without diving into too much detail.
- Emphasize the most important findings, focusing on what makes your results novel or significant.

- Highlight the broader impact of your findings in related field, mentioning potential applications or future research directions.

Key Points:

- Brevity and Fluidity: The abstract should be a seamless, concise paragraph, typically 150-250 words, with no headings or separate sections.
- No Citations: Avoid including any references or citations.
- Accessibility: Use clear, straightforward language to ensure the abstract is accessible to a wide audience, avoiding overly technical jargon.

Clinical trial abstracts should include register number at the end of the abstract.

2.3.4 Keywords

Typically, 3-8 keywords should be provided.

2.3.5 Main Body

Different manuscripts types are organized with distinct sections of content. Please consult the Manuscript Types to ensure the inclusion of appropriate sections in your submissions.

2.3.5.1 Introduction

The Introduction section serves to set the stage for your research by providing background information, outlining the research problem, and stating the study's objectives. The followings are how to write and what to consider:

- Context and background: Start by introducing the broader field of study, explaining the importance of the topic, and providing relevant background information. Discuss the current state of research and any existing gaps or challenges that your study aims to address.
- Literature review: Briefly review key studies that have been conducted in your area of research. Highlight the most relevant findings and discuss how they relate to your work, pointing out

where there are still unanswered questions or controversies.

- **Research problem:** Clearly define the specific problem or research question your study addresses. Explain why this problem is important and how solving it will contribute to the field.
- **Objectives and hypotheses:** State the main objectives of your research and, if applicable, the hypotheses you are testing. This provides a clear focus for the study and informs the reader about what to expect.
- **Overview of approach:** Give a brief overview of the methods or approaches you will use to tackle the research problem. This doesn't need to be detailed but should provide a sense of how you plan to achieve your objectives.

Key Points:

- **Clarity and relevance:** Ensure the Introduction is clear and directly relevant to your research. Avoid unnecessary details that don't contribute to understanding the research problem.
- **Logical flow:** Organize the section logically, moving from broad context to specific research questions. Ensure each part flows naturally to the next.
- **Engagement:** Write in a way that engages the reader's interest, emphasizing the significance and potential impact of your research.
- **Avoid overloading with details:** While providing context and background, be concise and avoid overloading the reader with excessive information. Focus on the most relevant details that support your research objectives.

2.3.5.2 Experimental Section

When writing the Experimental Section, clarity, detail, and reproducibility are key. The followings are authors should approach:

- **Outline the procedures:** Clearly describe the materials, equipment, and methods used. Include specific details like the type of instruments, settings, concentrations, and environmental conditions (e.g., temperature, humidity) to ensure that others can replicate the experiments.

- Organize logically: Structure the section chronologically or by grouping similar methods together. Start with the preparation of materials, followed by the experimental procedures, and end with the methods of data analysis.
- Use precise language: Avoid ambiguity by using precise and technical language. Specify quantities, units, and measurements accurately, and avoid using vague terms like "small" or "large."
- Justify method choices: Briefly explain why specific methods or materials were chosen, especially if they differ from common practices. This helps the reader understand the rationale behind the experimental design.
- Highlight critical steps: Emphasize any critical or novel steps in the procedure that are crucial for obtaining reliable results. If any steps require special attention or precautions, mention them explicitly.
- Include control experiments: Describe any control experiments conducted to validate the results, and explain how they contribute to the overall experimental design.
- Ethical considerations: If the experiment involves ethical considerations (e.g., use of hazardous materials), briefly mention how these were addressed.

Key Points:

- Reproducibility: The ultimate goal is to provide enough detail so that another researcher could reproduce your results.
- Conciseness: While detail is important, avoid unnecessary information that does not contribute to understanding the procedure.
- Referencing protocols: If you followed established protocols or methods from other studies, cite them appropriately rather than repeating extensive details.

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2.3.5.3 Results and Discussion

- Organized by Key Themes or Research Questions:
 - Structure: Organize the section around key themes, research questions, or experiments. For each theme or research question, present the relevant results first, followed immediately by a discussion of those results.
 - Logical flow: Ensure a logical flow between different themes or experiments, smoothly transitioning from one set of results and discussions to the next.
- Presentation of Results:
 - Concise data presentation: Start each subsection by clearly presenting the relevant data. Use figures, tables, and graphs to illustrate your findings, and describe what each visual shows.
 - Emphasize key findings: Highlight the most significant results that are directly tied to your research questions or hypotheses.
- Immediate Discussion of Findings:
 - Interpret results in context: Right after presenting the results, discuss their meaning and implications. Explain how these findings contribute to answering your research questions and how they compare to existing literature in the field.
 - Address unexpected outcomes: If there are any unexpected or anomalous results, discuss possible reasons and implications. Provide a balanced interpretation that considers potential limitations or alternative explanations.
- Synthesize Overall Findings:
 - Integrated discussion: After discussing individual results, synthesize the findings to present a broader understanding. Highlight any patterns, trends, or overarching conclusions that emerge from the data.
 - Theoretical and practical implications: Discuss the implications of your findings for theory and practice in related field. Consider how your results advance the field or suggest new directions for research.

Key Points:

- Cohesion and clarity: Maintain cohesion throughout the section, ensuring that each part naturally leads to the next. The combination of results and discussion should be seamless, with clear connections between the data presented and the interpretations made.
- Engagement with literature: Continually engage with existing literature to contextualize your findings. This demonstrates how your work contributes to the broader scientific dialogue.
- Avoid repetition: Be concise and avoid unnecessary repetition. Ensure that each piece of data is directly linked to the corresponding discussion, without redundant explanations.

2.3.5.4 Conclusion

The Conclusion section should summarize the main findings of the research, highlight the significance of these findings, and suggest possible future research directions. The followings are how to structure this section:

- Summarize main findings: Begin by briefly summarizing the key results of your study. Focus on the most important outcomes that directly address your research questions or hypotheses.
- Highlight significance: Discuss the broader implications of your findings. Explain how your results contribute to the field, and why they are important. Highlight any advancements your study has made in understanding the materials, processes, or phenomena you investigated.
- Acknowledge limitations: Acknowledge any limitations of your study that may impact the interpretation or generalizability of your results. This shows a balanced and critical understanding of your work.
- Suggest future research directions: Propose directions for future research based on your findings. Identify any new questions that have arisen from your study or areas where further investigation could be valuable. Suggest specific experiments, methodologies, or approaches that could build on your work.

- **Concluding remarks:** End with a strong concluding statement that encapsulates the overall contribution of your research. This should leave the reader with a clear understanding of the importance and impact of your study.

Key Points:

- **Clarity and conciseness:** Keep the conclusion clear and concise, avoiding unnecessary repetition of details already covered in the main body of the paper.
- **No new information:** Avoid introducing new data or findings in the conclusion. All points discussed should have been covered in the results and discussion sections.
- **Forward-looking:** While summarizing the study, also emphasize the potential future developments in the field as suggested by your research.

2.3.5 Declaration

2.3.5.1 Acknowledgments

The Acknowledgments section typically acknowledges individuals or institutions that contributed to the study but do not meet authorship criteria. This may include research assistants, technical support, or colleagues who provided valuable feedback. It should also mention any permissions obtained for the use of copyrighted material. The tone is usually formal and appreciative, briefly noting each contributor's role or support in the research process.

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2.4 Manuscript Format

2.4.1 Format

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2.4.2 Language

Please prepare the manuscript in English.

2.4.3 Figure and Table Guidelines

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Labels, numbers, letters, arrows, and symbols within figures should be clear, uniform in size, and contrast with the background. For figures with multiple panels, each panel should be distinctly labeled (A), (B), (C), etc. Symbols, arrows, numbers, or letters used for identification within illustrations must be clearly defined in the legend. If applicable, include explanations of internal scales (magnification) and staining methods in photomicrographs. All non-standard abbreviations should be clarified in the figure legend.

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Tables should be cited in order and placed after the paragraph where they are first cited. The table caption should be positioned above the table and labeled sequentially (e.g., Table 1, Table 2). Tables must be provided in an editable format such as DOC or DOCX (images are unacceptable). Abbreviations and symbols used in tables should be explained in footnotes. Explanatory details should be also included in footnotes.

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Abbreviations must be defined upon their first appearance in the abstract, main text, and in figure or table captions, and should be used consistently thereafter. Minimize the use of abbreviations overall. Non-standard abbreviations are permitted only if they appear at least three times in the text. Commonly used abbreviations can be used without definition. Avoid using abbreviations in titles and keywords, except for those that are widely recognized.

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Use italics for general terms such as *vs.*, *et al.*, *in vivo*, *in vitro*; statistical tests like *t* test, *F* test, *U* test; related coefficients as *r*, sample size as *n*, and probability as *P*.

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Equations should be inserted into the text using an equation Editor in editable format, not as images.

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Numbers appearing at the beginning of sentences should be written out in English. When there are two or more numbers in a paragraph, they should be expressed as Arabic numerals. If there is only one number in a paragraph, numbers less than ten should be written in English, while numbers

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To be considered for publication in *SMD*, manuscripts must adhere to international English language standards. Submissions should be written clearly and cohesively in high-quality English. Authors who are not native English speakers are encouraged to have their work reviewed or edited by a native speaker before submission.

2.6 Submission Link

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3 Editorial Process

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