Guidelines for Writing References

Authors bear the responsibility for the accuracy of the references; therefore, each reference should be thoroughly checked. References should be selective rather than extensive (with the exception of review articles). It is advisable to limit the number of references to 50 in original scientific paper, 40 in preliminary communication, 30 in scientific note, and 100-150 in minireview and review, respectively. Preferably references should include recent international publications, unless giving a review of the field, must reflect the topic of the manuscript and show the relevance to the Journal. They must all be written in English; references originally written in other languages must be translated into English and the language of origin must be written in brackets at the end of the reference. When citing databases, software, tools and other online services, authors are advised to use their recommendations how to cite them. If the original literature cited has not been available, the authors should quote the source used. Unpublished data should be mentioned only in the text (data not shown), and not appear in the reference list.

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