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EDITORIAL GUIDELINES

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Publishing Guidelines

GENERAL ASPECTS

The text must be submitted in .DOC or .DOCX format, in Times New Roman, 12-point font, double-spaced, on A4 paper, with 2.5 cm margins, unjustified, incorporating continuous line numbering and consecutive page numbers in the bottom right-hand margin. Paragraphs must begin with a one-centimetre indent.

Scientific names of genera and species must be written in italics. Species must be written as the full binomial only the first time they are mentioned in each section; thereafter, the generic name must be abbreviated. The authority and year for each parasite taxon (authority only, in the case of hosts) must be given only the first time the taxon is mentioned. If the common name of a host is mentioned, its scientific name must also be included at first mention.

The metric system must be used to express measurements throughout the text, figures and tables, and degrees Celsius for temperatures. Numbers from one to nine must be written in words, and decimal expressions must be written with a decimal point. Thousands separators are not to be used. Clock time must be given in the 24-hour system. For cardinal points, the initials N, S, E, O must be used in manuscripts written in Spanish, and N, S, E, W in manuscripts written in English, together with their respective combinations. Geographical coordinates must be expressed in the sexagesimal system.

Latin expressions and abbreviations (*sensu*, *vs.*, *ca.*, *i.e.*, *e.g.*) must be written in italics. Underlining is not accepted anywhere in the text, nor is bold type, except in titles or subtitles.

Footnotes are not accepted.

Taxonomic articles

Articles presenting new names or other nomenclatural acts are governed by the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature. Once a manuscript including a new name or nomenclatural act is accepted for publication, the authors must register their work in ZooBank and obtain a Life Science Identifier (LSID) number. This number must be reported as a Nomenclatural Statement following the description of the taxon.

Documentation and data repositories

In taxonomic papers and species lists, the reference repository and accession numbers should always be indicated, where possible, for both specimens used for consultation/comparison and for voucher specimens resulting from the study. Nucleotide sequences must be deposited in GenBank, with the corresponding accession numbers reported.

MANUSCRIPT STRUCTURE

First page

Title (in the manuscript's main language). It must be left-aligned, unjustified, in lower case and bold. It is recommended to include the taxonomic affiliation of the species mentioned, in parentheses.

Title in a second language (Spanish or English). It must be written on the next line, leaving a blank line in between, left-aligned, unjustified, in lower case and bold.

Running title in the manuscript's main language. It must be included on the next line, leaving a blank line in between, with a length of no more than 50 characters.

Running title in a second language. This must be included on the next line, leaving a blank line in between.

Authorship. On the next line, leaving a blank line in between, the names of the authors must be given, separated by commas. For each author, first name(s) (at least one and no more than two; if there are more, initials must be used instead) and surname must be given, together with the affiliation indicated by a numerical superscript. The corresponding author must additionally be indicated with an asterisk.

Example:

Cecilia L. Achiorno[1]*, Verónica Núñez[2], Julia I. Diaz[1]

Affiliations. These must be written on the next line, leaving a blank line in between, one per line thereafter, and preceded by the corresponding superscript. In each case, the full name of the institution must be given, including its city and country, followed by the ORCID identifier (if applicable). Postal addresses must not be included, except in the case of the corresponding author, for whom a postal address and email address must also be included.

Second page and following pages

Abstract and keywords. A **RESUMEN** (in Spanish) and an **ABSTRACT** (in English) must be included, each no longer than 300 words, beginning with the one in the manuscript's main language. Each text must be followed by **Palabras clave** (in Spanish) and **Keywords** (in English). The abstract must clearly specify the objectives, materials and methods, main results and principal conclusions of the study. Keywords, separated by commas and no more than five per language, must be indicative of the manuscript's content and should, preferably, be words that do not appear in the title or abstract.

Original articles

These must not exceed 12000 words, and the manuscript must be divided into the following sections: **INTRODUCTION, MATERIALS AND METHODS, RESULTS, DISCUSSION, CONCLUSIONS** (optional), **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS** (if applicable) and **REFERENCES**.

The titles of the main sections, left-aligned, in upper case and bold, are considered first-order headings. Where necessary, subheadings of up to fifth order may be used within these sections, as follows:

Second order. Left-aligned, in bold lower case and without a full stop, with the text beginning in the following paragraph.

Third order. Left-aligned, in bold italic lower case and without a full stop, with the text beginning in the following paragraph.

Fourth order. Left-aligned with a 0.4 cm indent, in bold lower case and with a closing full stop, with the text beginning on the same line.

Fifth order. Left-aligned with a 0.4 cm indent, in bold italic lower case and with a closing full stop, with the text beginning on the same line.

In taxonomic papers and/or species lists, it is recommended to use taxon names as second- or third-order headings; and, within each taxon, use items such as Host, Site of infection, Locality/ies, Material deposited, Description, Comments, etc. with equivalent categories among themselves (preferably fourth- and/or fifth-order).

Suggested example:

Family Diplotriaenidae

***Diplotriaena americana* Walton, 1927** (Fig. X)

Description. Xxx...

***Males*.** Xxx...

***Females*.** Xxx...

Host. Xxx...

Site of infection. Xxx...

Material deposited. Xxx...

Distribution and hosts. Xxx...

Comments. Xxx...

Review articles

Review articles are studies that compile, analyse, synthesise and discuss information published on a topic of parasitological interest, whether at the regional or international level. They may include a critical analysis of the state of knowledge reported in the literature, as well as updates or working-group consensus on the topic concerned. The authors must be specialists in the subject, and the text must include a comprehensive and up-to-date literature review. Review articles must not exceed 15000 words and may include up to eight tables or figures and no more than 100 bibliographic references. The division into sections must be the same as for original articles.

Short notes

These correspond to taxonomic novelties, extensions of geographic or host range, standardisation of techniques, etc. The RESUMEN/ABSTRACT may contain up to 250 words. The same order as for articles must be maintained, without including section titles. The body of the text must not exceed 3000 words and must not include more than two tables and two figures. The REFERENCES section must be maintained, and must not exceed 15 entries.

Clinical cases/case reports

These correspond to diagnoses of unusual parasitoses or associations, novel pathological findings or new associations in disease processes, among others. The ABSTRACT must not exceed 250 words. It must include an INTRODUCTION, a CASE description, a DISCUSSION and REFERENCES. The body of the text must not exceed 3000 words and must not include more than 15 references and no more than two tables and two figures.

Acknowledgements

Abbreviations and titles such as BSc/MSc, Dr, Mr, Prof, Miss, etc. must not be included.

Funding

All possible information regarding the funding sources that covered the costs of the research must be provided.

Competing interests

The authors of the manuscript must declare whether or not competing interests exist.

Ethical aspects

Research involving human subjects must comply with international ethical principles and current national regulations. Where applicable, the authors must incorporate and record, in the Materials and

Methods section or in a separate specific section, the approval of the Research Ethics Committee and/or Bioethics Committee of the institution or department where the study was carried out, indicating the corresponding file or resolution number.

Studies must adhere to the principles established in the Declaration of Helsinki (World Medical Association, 1964, and its amendments), as well as other applicable international standards, such as the Nuremberg Code (1947) and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948). The authors must declare that the study complies with current national legislation on health research.

In all cases, the physical, psychological and moral integrity of participants must be safeguarded, ensuring respect for their rights and the confidentiality and anonymity of data, in accordance with Law 26.529 on Patients' Rights and Law 25.326 on Personal Data Protection.

For the publication of clinical cases or case reports, the informed consent of the patient or their legal representatives must be obtained where the information presented could allow their identification, including clinical data, images or other elements.

The appropriate use of the terms sex and gender is also recommended, as well as consideration of the diversity of the populations included in the studies, where relevant.

In research involving animal experimentation, where applicable, approval by the Bioethics Committee and/or Research Ethics Committee of the institution or department where the study was carried out (e.g. CICUAE or CICUAL) must be included in Materials and Methods or in a separate section, respecting the regulations governing work with animals, and specifying the criteria followed for the capture, handling and care of the animals (e.g. for mammals: Guidelines for the capture, handling and care of mammals as approved by the American Society of Mammalogists — Sikes, 2016, https://academic.oup.com/jmammal/article/97/3/663/2459909).

Details of official state capture permits (e.g. from national, provincial, etc. flora and fauna authorities) or private permits must also be included, where applicable.

References

Formatting of bibliographic references must follow APA (American Psychological Association) style, 7th Edition. It is strongly recommended to consult these guidelines at: https://apastyle.apa.org

In-text citations

These must follow the format below:

	Parenthetical citation	Narrative citation
Single authorship	(Ostrowski de Núñez, 1994)	...for Ostrowski de Núñez (1994), ...
Two authors, Spanish manuscript	(De Ley y Blaxter, 2004)	...según De Ley y Blaxter (2004), ...
Two authors, English manuscript	(Suriano & Navone, 1994)	...after Suriano and Navone (1994).
Three or more authors	(Rossin et al., 2005)	Rossin et al. (2005)

For two-author citations, "&" or "and" must be used in English-language manuscripts, depending on whether the citation is parenthetical or narrative (see Table). In Spanish-language manuscripts, "y" is always recommended. From three authors onwards, citations must be shortened, citing only the first name followed by "et al." If, within the same manuscript, two or more different shortened citations become indistinguishable, as many names as necessary must be included to differentiate them.

Example:

Rossin, Poulin, Timi and Malizia (2005). Shortened citation: Rossin et al. (2005).

Rossin, Timi and Malizia (2005). Shortened citation: Rossin et al. (2005).

To cite them within the same manuscript while avoiding ambiguity, they must be cited in the text, respectively, as: Rossin, Poulin et al. (2005) and Rossin, Timi and Malizia (2005). Note that, in the second case, it is not appropriate to use "et al." after the second name, since "et al." represents a plural ("and others"), and cannot replace a single name. All three names must therefore be written out.

Parenthetical citations of two or more references by different authors must be listed **alphabetically**, separated by semicolons (Bernardon et al., 2018; Gonçalves et al., 2002; Vicente et al., 1983; Vieira et al., 2017). Two or more parenthetical citations by the same author(s) must be listed chronologically, separated by commas (Rossin & Malizia, 2002, 2005).

Multiple references with the **same authorship and date** (identical order and same year of publication) must be differentiated by adding a lower-case letter after the year, both in the in-text citations and in the reference list.

In the case of **corporate or institutional authors:** in the first citation in the text, the full name must be given, followed by the organisation's abbreviation. E.g. (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization [UNESCO], 2018). In subsequent citations, only the acronym or abbreviation must be given (UNESCO, 2018).

Unpublished works, such as abstracts of presentations at scientific meetings or undergraduate theses, must not be cited. Works already accepted and awaiting publication may be cited as "in press", without a date.

Reference list

The list of bibliographic references must be placed at the end of the document, written in double spacing and with a hanging indent. Entries must be listed alphabetically by the surname of the first author, and the full surnames of all authors must be given. It must not include references that have not been cited in the paper.

When several entries share the same first author, single-authored entries must be listed first, according to year of publication. If there are other entries with co-authorship, they must be ordered alphabetically by the surname of the second author; if this is the same, by the surname of the third author, and so on (regardless of the number of authors). If all names coincide, entries must be ordered by year of publication in ascending order.

Example:

Rossin, M. A. (2004).

Rossin, M. A., & Malizia, A. I. (2002).

Rossin, M. A., & Malizia, A. I. (2005).

Rossin, M. A., Poulin, R., Timi, J. T., & Malizia, A. I. (2010).

Rossin, M. A., Timi, J. T., & Malizia, A. I. (2006a).

Rossin, M. A., Timi, J. T., & Malizia, A. I. (2006b).

In manuscripts written in English, "&" preceded by a comma must be used before the last name:

Rossin, M. A., & Malizia, A. I. (2005).

Rossin, M. A., Timi, J. T., & Hoberg, E. P. (2010).

Please note: the use of "y" or "&" does not depend on the language of the cited source, but on the main language of the manuscript.

In all cases where possible, the reference must include the DOI or URL at the end, in the format: https://doi.org/10.2307/3284227

Formats according to source type

Journal articles with page numbers

Tomassini, L., & Randazzo, V. R. (2025). Resistencia de quistes de *Acanthamoeba* spp. a la exposición prolongada a bajas temperaturas. *Revista Argentina de Parasitología*, *14*(2), 33-37. https://id.caicyt.gov.ar/ark:/s23139862/0c2v4pfsc

Bush, A. O., Lafferty, K. D., Lotz, J. M., & Shostak, A. W. (1997). Parasitology meets ecology on its own terms: Margolis et al., revisited. *Journal of Parasitology*, *83*(4), 575-583. https://doi.org/10.2307/3284227

Journal articles with article number

Serrano, P. C., Durette-Desset, M.-C., & Digiani, M. C. (2019). Pudicinae (Nematoda) coparasitic in *Proechimys roberti* (Rodentia: Echimyidae) from the Brazilian Amazonia: description of a new species of *Pudica*, redescription of *Pudica evandroi* (Travassos) and updated key to the species of the genus. *Anais da Academia Brasileira de Ciências*, *91*(4), Article e20180714. http://dx.doi.org/10.1590/0001-3765201920180714

Books

Surname, N. (Year). *Title of the book*. Publisher.

Anderson, R. C. (2000). *Nematode parasites of vertebrates. Their development and transmission* (2nd ed.). CABI.

If the book is available online, the DOI or URL must be added at the end.

Book with editor(s)

Apellido, N. (Ed.). (año). *Título del libro*. Editorial.

Khalil, L. F., Jones, A. y Bray, R. A. (Eds.). (1994). *Keys to the cestode parasite of vertebrates*. CABI.

Book chapter with editor(s)

Surname, A., & Surname, B. (Year). Title of the chapter. In N. Surname (Ed.), *Title of the book* (pp. xx-xx). Publisher.

Maciá, A., & Micieli, M. V. (2023). Orden Phthiraptera. In M. V. Micieli, A. Maciá, & G. R. Spinelli (Coords.), *Entomología médica y veterinaria. Biología y sistemática de artrópodos de interés médico y veterinario en Argentina* (pp. 45-53). EDULP.

If the volume has its own title, it must be incorporated into the main title:

Beveridge, I., Spratt, D. M., & Durette-Desset, M. C. (2014). Order Strongylida (Railliet and Henry, 1913). In A. Schmidt-Rhaesa (Ed.), *Handbook of Zoology. Gastrotricha, Cycloneuralia and Gnathifera: Vol. 2 Nematoda* (pp. 557-612). De Gruyter.

Theses

ASurname, N. (Year). *Title of the thesis*. [Type of thesis, Name of the university]. Name of the database or repository where it is published. DOI or URL

Zonta, M. L. (2010). *Crecimiento, estado nutricional y enteroparasitosis en poblaciones aborígenes y cosmopolitas: los Mbyá guaraní en el Valle del arroyo Cuña Pirú y poblaciones aledañas (Misiones)* [Doctoral thesis, Universidad Nacional de La Plata]. SEDICI. https://doi.org/10.35537/10915/4294

Web pages

Corporate or institutional authorship

UUse the full name of the organisation/institution as the author (do not use abbreviations). Publication date

must be as precise as possible. *Title of the publication in italics*. End the reference with the URL.

Example:

World Health Organization. (2023, April 14). *World Chagas Disease Day 2023: Time to integrate Chagas disease care into primary health care*. https://www.who.int/campaigns/world-chagas-disease-day/2023

If it is the website of a government institution, list the name of the institution responsible for the site as the author of the reference. Publication date must be as precise as possible. *Title of the article in italics*. Continue with the names of the higher-level institutions not included in the initial name (from largest to smallest). End with the URL.

Example:

Centers for Disease Control and prevention. (2024, May 11). *Clinical Overview of Echinococcosis*. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. https://www.cdc.gov/echinococcosis/hcp/clinical-overview/index.html

Identifiable individual authorship

Surname, A., Surname, B., & Surname, C. (Date). *Title of the web page article*. Name of the website. https://url.com

Example:

Teta, P., Abba, A. M., Argoitia, A., Cassini, G. H., Lucero, S., & Ojeda, A. A. (2024). *Lista revisada de los mamíferos de Argentina*. Sociedad Argentina para el Estudio de los Mamíferos. https://www.sarem.org.ar/es/lista-de-mamiferos-de-argentina-2024/

Web pages with frequent updates

For web pages with constantly updated data, where no archived version exists, "(n.d.)" (no date) must be written after the authorship, and the retrieval date must be included at the end.

Surname, A., Surname, B., & Surname, C. (n.d.). *Title of the web page article*. Name of the website. Retrieved [day Month year] from https://url.com

Tables and Figures

Tables and figures must be referred to in the text as Figure 1 or (Fig. 1) and Table 1 or (Table 1). All must be numbered consecutively using Arabic numerals.

Tables: these must be submitted as separate files in .XLS or .XLSX format (preferred). Content must be in the same language as the article. Vertical lines and shading must not be used. Single line spacing must be used, and cells must not be merged; where spacing is required, empty cells should be left instead. A .DOC or .DOCX version of the table showing the required final layout may also be submitted. Bold text is permitted where emphasis or highlighting of specific content is desired.

Figures: these may include photographs, drawings, graphs, maps, and images such as radiographs/tomographic scans, etc. Where appropriate, figures should be grouped into plates, with each individual figure identified by a lower-case letter, e.g. (Fig. 1a), (Figs. 2b–d). Where a scale bar is included, it shall be placed in the bottom right-hand corner, with the letter identifying the figure in the top left-hand corner. Both must be in a contrasting colour (white or black) relative to the figure's background for improved visibility, using Arial or Calibri as the font. Maps must indicate scale, coordinates, and geographic North. Figures must be submitted in .JPG, .PNG, or TIFF format at a resolution of no less than 300 dpi. When preparing figures, bear in mind that they will be sized to either single-column width (8.5 cm) or double-column width (18 cm), with a maximum length of 24 cm.

Table and figure legends shall be placed at the end of the main body of the manuscript; they must be self-explanatory and must include an explanation of any abbreviations or symbols used. Legends should preferably be provided in both languages (Spanish and English), beginning with the manuscript's main language.

The use of any AI (artificial intelligence) tool in preparing or editing figures must be disclosed within the corresponding legend.

Each file name shall include the surname of the manuscript's first author, followed by "Fig." or "Table" and the corresponding number.

Supplementary Material

The ***Rev. Arg. Parasitol.*** accepts the submission of supplementary material directly related to the manuscript's content, intended to support, expand, and enhance its understanding. Such material may include, among others, raw data tables, detailed methodological descriptions, datasets, supplementary images, or audiovisual material. Files should preferably be submitted in PDF format, images in JPG or PNG format, or links to publicly accessible videos or web pages. Files should not exceed 10 MB each, and links should correspond to stable, accessible platforms. Supplementary material must be cited in the main text, indicated as Appendix 1, 2, etc. The corresponding legend or explanation shall be placed at the end of the main body of the manuscript, following the legends for Tables and/or Figures. The file name shall include the surname of the manuscript's first author, followed by "Appendix" and the corresponding number. The final publication of supplementary material shall be at the discretion of the editorial team and will occur simultaneously with (not prior to) publication of the manuscript.

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OTHER CONTENT

Reviews of Books and/or Scientific Events

These comprise commentaries on books and scientific events within the field of parasitology that, owing to their novelty or relevance, are of interest to the RAP readership. Up to two reviews of books and/or scientific events will be published per issue. These must be between 400 and 700 words in length and must include a photograph of the book cover or of some aspect of the event, as applicable.

Thesis Abstracts

Thesis abstracts (Doctoral, Specialisation, and Master's), in Spanish or English, must not exceed 800 words. The following information must be submitted: Thesis title (in Spanish and English), the candidate's name and email address, degree obtained, academic institution that conferred it, defence date, names of the supervisor(s) or advisor(s), and members of the examining committee. If the thesis has been published in an institutional repository and has a digital identifier, the name of the repository and the DOI or URL must be included.

Letters to the Editor-in-Chief

These shall preferably refer to comments on articles published in the journal. They must not exceed 800 words, up to 5 references, and one table or figure. Comments must mention the volume and issue number in which the commented article was published, its full title, and the surname of the first author.

Other Types of Manuscripts

Other manuscript types are published only by invitation from the Editor-in-Chief and the Editorial Committee.

Editorials

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