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* **Abstract**
* **Extended Abstract**
* **Declaration form**

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* Paper size and Orientation: A4 (210 x 297 mm), Portrait. Use only one side.
* All margins except left: 25 mm. Left margin: 30 mm. Gutter : 00
* Font: Times new Roman, 12 points; Line spacing: 1.5 (18 pt), one column of text.
* No Header or Footer except 15 mm Footer for page numbering

Paragraph - Justified, **No** indent, **No** extra spacing before or after, **No** special effects

Insert - Picture - Yes, for Figure and Table (Maximum 2)

Insert -Text Box - Yes, for Figure or Table titles, if any. (Maximum 2)

Format - Text Box - Layout - Wrapping style = Square, Horizontal alignment = Left or Right

Flow-charts - Inside a Text Box and letter size of 10 –12 pt.

**3) ABSTRACT**

a) The abstract should be 01 page in length consisting of not more than one paragraph with a **word limit of 350 including 5 keywords**. Please do not include subheadings.

b) **Figures** and **Tables** could be included **only if essential.**

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e) There shall be **no citations** or **references**.

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a) Extended abstract (**word limit 800**; maximum 04 pages; page numbers should be included)

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c) The use of graphs and charts (generated electronically) is encouraged. Graphics and photographs (scanned) could be included only if essential. Chemical structures and / or reactions could be given. All these should be with the sub-title **Fig.** and a relevant description or caption **below the item**.

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