

INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS

During year 2017, BLACPMA will be making changes in the instructions for authors, which does not intend to change the philosophy or scientific focus of the Journal. New **INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE AUTHORS** are attached with some modifications. Authors should carefully consider "**IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATIONS**". Failure to comply with any of these recommendations is a cause of non-consideration of the article for publication.

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BOLETIN LATINOAMERICANO Y DEL CARIBE DE PLANTAS MEDICINALES Y AROMATICAS (BLACPMA), ISSN 0717 7917, is a bimonthly electronic scientific publication aimed to professionals and academics who work in the area of natural products of medicinal and aromatic plants. Studies related to ethnomedicine, ethnobotany, anthropology, ecology and biodiversity, pharmacology, and phytochemistry of medicinal plants will be considered for evaluation. Another type of material considered by the Scientific Committee to be impactful and important contributions will be evaluated by the Editorial Committee.

TYPE OF CONTRIBUTION

Authors may submit scientific research papers and original reviews, written in Spanish or English, without limit of extension but reasonably adjusted to the objective of the work. In all cases, figures and tables should be included in the text.

IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.- Studies that result in the isolation of compounds of known structure from new plant sources will be accepted, only when is justified by the ethnobotanical use of the plant species.
- 2.- Studies evaluating the biological properties of an extract, without an adequate phytochemical characterization, will not be considered. As example, extracts of phenolic compounds should be full characterized by HPLC using standards or HPLC-MSⁿ.
- 3.- Studies on medicinal plants with determination of a biological property with no relation to-the ethnopharmacological use of the plant species will not be considered.
- 4.- *In vitro* determination of the antioxidant effect of extracts of plants will not be considered for publication. The Scientific Committee can make exceptions if the extracts are from untested medicinal plants and are fully characterized (ex HPLC-MSⁿ).
- 5.- Identification of essential oil (EOs) components must include all the data of the analysis, calculated retention index (RI) and its comparison with literature values. They should be associated with the medicinal properties of the plant studied or with problems explained in the introduction. Papers that correspond to "analytical exercises" will not be accepted.
- 6.- Papers with determination of antimicrobial activity using a single dose will not be accepted. It is necessary to include the minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) and minimum bactericidal concentration (MBC).

7.- Fragmented works, a new biological property of a previously studied extract, from which related biological properties have been published, will not be accepted.

8.-In general, works of medicinal plants in which a biological property has no relation with the ethnopharmacological use of the plant species will not be accepted.

FORMAT OF THE CONTRIBUTION

The style of the journal is detailed below:

Papers will be presented in Microsoft Word format (version 3.1 or higher using Times New Roman number 11). The papers will consist of Introduction, Material and Methods, Results, Discussion, Conclusions and Bibliography. In any of the modalities in which the work is presented, the title page of the work (in Spanish and English), authors, institution to which they belong, the address and electronic mail of the main author must appear on the first page. Also, an abstract in Spanish and English of no more than 150 words, a short title, and a maximum of 6 keywords. The numbers of the tables and figures must be in Arabic.

ABSTRACT

It should carry no more than 150 words including methods used, relevant results and conclusions.

TEXT

Original articles: consisting of Introduction, Materials and Methods (extensive description), Results (referring to tables and figures), Discussion (free extension), and Conclusions (as short as possible).

Revisions: only in English, will be structured according to the needs of the author.

The name of the species in Latin and the family (e.g., *Inula viscosa* (L.) Aiton. Asteraceae) should be mentioned *in extenso* at least in the Materials section. Throughout the work only the Latin short name (*I. viscosa*) will be used.

Boards

The tables should be written using a word processor and will never be figures. Please do not use lines other than 1 pt. The text should be in Times New Roman 10 or 9 points. Include always Title (numbered and cited in the work) and the legend of abbreviations, where appropriate.

Figures

Include references separately (do not include legends in the figure). The image is accepted in any of the following formats (JPEG, JPG, GIF, BMP or TIFF). However, avoid using TIFF if it is too large and GIF if the images are of poor quality.

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- MarvinSketch (for Windows and other systems) (download free after registration) <http://www.chemaxon.com/product/msketch.html>
- EasyChem for MacOS http://sourceforge.net/project/showfiles.php?group_id=90102

REFERENCES

Citations in the text should include the author's last name and the year, separated by commas and placed in parentheses (e.g., Bruneton, 1995); If there is more than one work by the same author, they will be separated by commas (e.g., Bruneton, 1987, 1995, 2001). If there are two authors they will be separated by "and" or its equivalent, respecting the original language of the source. If there are more than two authors, only the first one will be cited followed by the expression et al. All authors must be included in the bibliography. If there are several works by the same author and year, it will be cited with a sequential letter attached to the year (e.g., Mayer et al., 1987a, 1987b).

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Surname of the author followed by the initials of the name, without points or separation between them. The name of the journal will be abbreviated according to ISO standards or Pubmed Journals Database (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?db=Journal> ISO abbreviation) that offers the possibility of confirming on line the name and abbreviation of a huge number of journals. Finally, the volume of the publication, followed by the number in parentheses, two points and the number of pages from x to y, without spaces in between, will be quoted.

Book citations should make explicit the pages consulted as well as the year of publication. Incomplete citations will not be admitted and the breach of these rules will cause delay of the article until its correction.

MODELS

NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION

Cai LS, Gong SL, Chen M, Wu CY. 2006. Vinyl crown ether as a novel radical crosslinked sol-gel SPME fiber for determination of organophosphorus pesticides in food samples. **Anal Chim Acta** 559 (1): 89-96.

BOOKS

Durand Y, Miranda M, Cuellar A.1986. **Manual of practical of laboratory of Pharmacognosy**. Ed. I People and Education, Havana, Cuba, pp. 90, 120-121.

EDITED BOOK CHAPTERS

Lopes de Almeida JM. 2000. **Pharmaceutical formulation of phytotherapeutic products**, pp. 113-124. In Sharapin N: Foundations of technology of phytotherapeutic products. Ed. CAB and CYTED,

Bogotá, Colombia.

TESIS (Acceptable only if there is no alternative source)

González de Cid D. 2000. Cianobacteria study with noxious effects (deleterious and toxic) in aquatic atmospheres of the county of San Luís. Doctoral thesis, National University of San Luís, Argentina, pp. 234, 245-244.

COMMUNICATIONS TO CONGRESSES

If there is no official Abstracts Book:

Novak TO, Brown of Santayana M, Blackish JM. 2006. Antioxidant activity and fingerprinting of Spanish Bupleurum species used ace anti-inflammatory remedies. Communication to the British Pharmaceutical Conference 2006 (Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, Manchester, UK, 4-6 September).

If there is an official Abstracts Book:

Novak TO, Brown of Santayana M, Blackish JM. 2006. Antioxidant activity and fingerprinting of Spanish Bupleurum species used ace anti-inflammatory remedies. Summaries of the British Pharmaceutical Conference 2006 (Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, Manchester, UK, 4-6 September) p.23.

If the abstracts were published in a journal, ONLY the journal is mentioned as if it were one more article.

Novak TO, Brown of Santayana M, Blackish JM. 2006. Antioxidant activity and fingerprinting of Spanish Bupleurum species used ace anti-inflammatory remedies. J. Pharm. Pharmacol. 58 (Suppl.1): 82.

PATENTS

Babu GDK, Ahuja PS, Kaul VK, Singh V. 2005. Simple, portable mini distillation apparatus for the production of essential oils and hydrosols. US Patent No. 6,911,119B2. CSIR, June 28.

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

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Duncan R. 2000. Nano-sized particles ace "nanomedicines".

http://www.mhra.gov.uk/home/idcplg?IdcService=GET_FILE&dDocName=con2022821&RevisionSelectionMethod=Latest

[Consulted October 6, 2006].

In case there is no author, or when there is no principal, the responsible institution is taken as equivalent to the author and cited in the text (CNN, 200).

CNN. Cuba's health care manages despite seizure.

<http://www.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0108/18/yh.00.html>

[Consulted October 5, 2006].

BULLETINS OR JOURNALS ON LINE WITH ISSN, the source should be cited like any other journals.

Muñoz A, Álvarez VC, Nino ME. 2011. Chemical characterization of the volatile fractions and essential oils of leaves and flowers of *Chromolaena barranquillensis* found in Sabanalarga (Atlántico, Colombia). **Bol Latinoam Caribe Plant Med Aromat** 10 (6): 581-589.

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Thank you for your important contribution and for taking these rules into account.