

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS

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2. A. Fayyaz, N. Ali, Z.A. Umar, H. Asghar, M. Waqas, R. Ahmed, R. Ali, and M.A. Baig. CF-LIBS based elemental analysis of *Saussurea simpsoniana* medicinal plant: a study on roots, seeds, and leaves. *Analytical Sciences* 40(3): 413-427 (2024).
3. W. Bialek and S. Setayeshgar. Cooperative sensitivity and noise in biochemical signaling. *Physical Review Letters* 100: 258–263 (2008).

**b. Books**

4. W.R. Luellen (Ed.). *Fine-Tuning Your Writing*. *Wise Owl Publishing Company, Madison, WI, USA* (2001).
5. U. Alon and D.N. Wegner (Eds.). *An Introduction to Systems Biology: Design Principles of Biological Circuits*. *Chapman & Hall/CRC, Boca Raton, FL, USA* (2006).

### c. Book Chapters

6. M.S. Sarnthein, J.E. Smolen, and J.D. Stanford. Basal sauropodomorpha: historical and recent phylogenetic developments. In: *The Northern North Atlantic: A Changing Environment*. P.R. Schafer and W. Schluter (Eds.). Springer, Berlin, Germany pp. 365–410 (2000).
7. S. Brown and L.A. Boxer. Functions of Europhiles. In: *Hematology*, (4<sup>th</sup> ed). W.J. Williams, E. Butler, and M.A. Litchman (Eds.). McGraw Hill, New York, USA pp. 103–110 (1991).

### d. Reports

8. M.D. Sobsey and F.K. Pfaender. Evaluation of the H<sub>2</sub>S method for Detection of Fecal Contamination of Drinking Water. Report No.-WHO/SDE/WSH/02.08. *Water Sanitation and Health Programme, WHO, Geneva, Switzerland* (2002).

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9. UNESCO. Global Education Monitoring Report 2024/5: Leadership in education—Lead for learning. *United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Paris, France* (2024). <https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/4066661?ln=en&v=pdf>
10. L.M. Highland and P. Bobrowsky. The landslide handbook—A guide to understanding landslides. Circular 1325. *US Geological Survey, Reston, Virginia* (2008). [https://pubs.usgs.gov/circ/1325/pdf/C1325\\_508.pdf](https://pubs.usgs.gov/circ/1325/pdf/C1325_508.pdf)

### f. Conference Proceedings

11. M. Khalid, A.B. Majid, F. Mansour, and C.R. Smith. Word Representations with Recursive Neural Networks for Morphology. *27<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Signal Processing, (2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021), Madrid, Spain* (2021).

### g. A Degree Thesis

12. M. Afzal. Investigation of structural and magnetic properties of nanometallic Fe-Mn Alloys. Ph.D. Thesis. *Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan* (2023).

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