

Guidelines for Authors

General Information

The "**Journal of Nepal Hydrogeological Association**" is the annual publication of the Nepal Hydrogeological Association. This peer-reviewed journal is dedicated to disseminating original research across a broad spectrum of topics within hydrogeology, groundwater studies, hydrology, and glaciology. Additionally, it welcomes contributions from related fields such as engineering, environmental science, climate change, natural hazards, geotechnical engineering, remote sensing, natural resources, laws, and regulations connected to water issues. Research not related to water in any form will not be considered for publication.

The journal places a special emphasis on research centered on the Himalayan region but also welcomes studies from other parts of the world. It aims to publish scholarly articles that are based on extensive fieldwork, experimental results, theoretical analysis, numerical modeling, and innovative ideas.

Key guidelines for submissions include:

- Manuscripts should not exceed 20 printed pages, inclusive of figures and tables.
- All submissions undergo a rigorous review process.
- Authors may suggest three potential reviewers, providing their names and email addresses to assist the editorial team.
- Final acceptance of a manuscript requires the submission of the final version along with high-quality tables and figures.
- Authors bear full responsibility for the scientific content of their papers.

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Manuscript Preparation

Authors are required to submit an electronic copy of their manuscripts, formatted according to journal specifications, in 'MS Word' on A4 size paper (297 x 210 mm). Manuscripts should be written in clear and concise English, avoiding complex sentences and unnecessary jargon.

Organization of Manuscript:

1. **Title:** It should be formatted in 14-point Times New Roman (TNR) type. Only capitalize the initial letters of words that are necessary, such as proper nouns or acronyms. Avoid capitalizing the first letter of each word unless required by standard conventions. Ensure that the title accurately reflects the content and focus of your research work.
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4. **Keywords:** Include fewer than seven keywords, each starting with an initial capital letter. These keywords should effectively represent the main topics and themes of your paper.

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8. **Discussions:** Analyze and discuss the findings.
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10. **Acknowledgments:** Recognize contributions and funding sources.
11. **References:** List all references cited in the manuscript.

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Style

Authors are responsible for ensuring that their manuscripts use approved geological and other scientific terminology correctly and are free of grammar and spelling errors. Consistency in capitalization, spelling, abbreviations, and dates must be checked thoroughly. Figure and table captions should be formatted in 10-point Times New Roman (TNR) bold type. Examples are as follows: **Fig. 1: Drainage map of the study area/ Table 1: Analysis of water chemistry.**

Acknowledgment

In the acknowledgment section, authors should mention any grant support, organizations, and individuals who have significantly contributed to the research.

References

Ensure that every reference cited in the main body of the manuscript is also included in the reference list, and vice versa. All references mentioned in the text, figures, captions, and tables must be listed in the Reference section. Consistency and accuracy in citations are essential to maintain the integrity of the manuscript.

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