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- What is the research question or the hypothesis evaluated?
- What is the greatest contribution of your article to the area of your research?

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Sections	Abstract Keywords (max. 5) Introduction Materials and Methods Results Discussion Conclusions Acknowledgments (if they exist) References Tables
Language	English
Size / Length	A4. It is recommended not to have more than 8,000 words. An average page of text will contain about 400 words. As a general rule the maximum recommended length is 20 pages.
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First level headings (use boldface, do not use a period after this heading)

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1. Four level titles.

In the first paragraph of the "**Introduction**", include the theoretical or conceptual basis of your work in a context accessible to the various readers PJA attracts. Footnotes are not used in the text.

In "**Materials and Methods**," add the name, city, and country of the manufacturers/suppliers after the brand names.

If statistical analyzes are used, include statistical values in the "**Results**" section, either in the text or within tables. Include the statistical value, the degrees of freedom and the value of p for each reported result (for example, for a t-test, report "t = 25.45, df = 1, P = 0.07" for an ANOVA, report " $F_{6, 24} = 27.48$, P less than 0.001

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Plant names

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e.g., apple, pear, potato, rose, tomato

e.g., purple asparagus cultivar 'Purple Passion'

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e.g., *A. officinalis*

e.g., *Lepidium meyenii* Walpers

e.g., *Cotesia flavipes*

e.g., *Capsicum baccatum* var. Pendulum

e.g., *Alternaria* sp.

e.g., *Gossypium* spp.

e.g., *Fragaria* x *Ananassa* Duch

The part of a name, which denotes the **cultivar**, is to be placed within single quotation marks. The abbreviation “cv.” is not to be used within a scientific name

e.g., *Malus* × *domestica* ‘Golden Delicious’, not *Malus* × *domestica* cv. Golden Delicious.

e.g., *Vaccinium corymbosum* L. ‘Biloxi’

e.g., blueberry (*Vaccinium corymbosum*) cv. ‘Biloxi’

e.g., *Ananas comosus* L. Merr. ‘Golden’

e.g., *Capsicum annum* L. var. Annum cv. ‘Jalapeño Mitla’

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e.g., *A. albus* x *A. officinalis*

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