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## Manuscript Submission Requirements Checklist

**Author Checklist.** In lieu of a cover letter, we request that authors fill out the provided [Submission Cover Letter and Author Checklist](#).

**Note on all Submissions.** An editorial was published on guidelines for publishing papers in [JCIM: J. Chem. Inf. Model. 2015, 55, 719](#). Submissions should follow these guidelines.

**Requirements for Data and Software Availability.** An editorial was published on requirements for publishing papers beginning on January 1, 2021. Please refer to: <https://pubs.acs.org/doi/10.1021/acs.jcim.0c01389>.

Manuscripts must be submitted electronically via the secure Web site at <http://pubs.acs.org/page/4authors/submission/index.html>. Guidelines for this method are provided here. If substantially the same manuscript has been previously submitted to this Journal or to another ACS journal, the author should include copies of the reviews with the submission and explain any revisions in the cover letter. The Editor may accept the manuscript on the basis of those reviews and author remarks or may seek additional reviews.

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## Scope of the Journal

The *Journal of Chemical Information and Modeling (JCIM)* publishes papers reporting new methodologies in chemical informatics and molecular modeling and its applications with experimental validation. Specific topics include the representation and computer-based searching of chemical databases, molecular modeling, computer simulation using molecular dynamics and free energy methods, machine learning on chemical and biological data, combined quantum mechanical/molecular mechanical (QM/MM) multi-scale simulations, computer-aided molecular design of new materials, catalysts, or ligands, development of new computational methods or efficient algorithms for chemical software, and biopharmaceutical chemistry including analyses of biological activity and other issues related to drug discovery. JCIM will not consider straightforward applications of molecular docking methods to a single target system without adequate experimental validation.

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# Manuscript Types

**Viewpoints.** General commentaries on current issues in the computational chemistry field, or scholarly comment on papers appearing in the Journal. Viewpoints must contain a Table of Contents graphic and an abstract, which should be a 2-5 sentence executive summary. Suggested limits for Viewpoints are 2000 words and no more than 2 figures, with no restriction on the number of references. Viewpoints will be rigorously editorially reviewed by at least two *JCIM* editors for content and the importance of the topic. Following the editorial review procedure, select articles will be sent out for peer review for final assessment according to Editors discretion.

Comments on articles must raise scientific or technical questions about an article; correspondence that is mainly opinion will not be accepted. Correspondence should be submitted within six months of the date of publication of the original article. The author(s) of the original article will be allowed to respond. Contributions may be edited for length and clarity.

**Articles.** Full-length research manuscripts, consistent with the objectives of *JCIM*, are the principal focus of the Journal. Authors must follow the instructions for preparation and submission given below.

**Perspectives.** Perspectives are interpretive accounts on subjects of current interest to the *JCIM* community. This series is intended to be a forum for experts to present their perspectives on emerging or active areas of research. Manuscripts must be ~10,000 words. There is no limit to the number of references. You may approximate the length of figures, schemes, and tables by counting single-column images as 300 words and double-column as 600 words (this count assumes that they will occupy  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$  page, respectively, at final production size). If a table was created using the Tables function in Word it will be included in the word count; subtract the word count for the table, and estimate the space as you would for a scheme or figure. The use of graphics to illustrate key concepts (3–5 display items) is strongly encouraged. A submission should include ~8–10 keywords extracted from the text as well as a graphical Table of Contents entry consisting of a colorful figure that represents the topic of the paper.

- **Perspectives: Best Practices Series.** This special series aim to capture and articulate best practices in different areas of cheminformatics and computational chemistry, e.g., molecular simulations, docking, or implementation of sophisticated algorithms for solving practical problems around chemical design/bioactivity prediction. Authors should follow the same instructions as given below for preparation and submission of Reviews. Authors are encouraged to send a pre-submission inquiry for approval prior to submitting a *Perspectives: Best Practice* to the journal. The pre-submission inquiry should contain a brief summary of the proposed topic. For pre-submission inquiries, please email the journal at [eic@jcm.acs.org](mailto:eic@jcm.acs.org).

**Reviews.** Reviews are topical, brief, and of general interest to the *JCIM* community. These papers critically evaluate existing work and make the material more easily comprehensible to those not expert in the subject matter. Manuscripts must be ~10,000 words (excluding the References and all graphics). There is no limit to the number of references, but please ensure citations are appropriate. You may approximate the length of figures, schemes, and tables by counting single-column images as 300 words and double-column as 600 words (this count assumes that they will occupy  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$  page, respectively, at final production size). If a table was created using the Tables function in Word it will be included in the word count; subtract the word count for the table, and estimate the space as you would for a scheme or figure. The use of graphics to illustrate key concepts (3–5 display items) is strongly encouraged. A submission should include ~8–10 keywords extracted from the text as well as a graphical Table of Contents entry consisting of a colorful figure that represents the topic of the paper. Authors are encouraged to send a pre-

submission inquiry to the editorial team for approval prior to submitting a review to the journal. The pre-submission inquiry should contain a brief summary of the proposed review and its significance to the field. For pre-submission inquiries, please email the journal at [eic@j cim.acs.org](mailto:eic@j cim.acs.org).

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**Application Notes.** Application notes are informative peer-reviewed reports on novel software packages, databases, and web servers. Submissions should be no longer than 5000 words and contain at least one figure. This word count includes the abstract, text, and graphics only. References do not count towards the word limit. You may approximate the length of figures, schemes, and tables by counting single-column images as 300 words and double-column as 600 words (this count assumes that they will occupy  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$  page, respectively, at final production size). If a table was created using the Tables function in Word, it will be included in the word count; subtract the word count for the table, and estimate the space as you would for a scheme or figure. Authors will be expected to abide by this rule and to submit a statement from the corresponding author indicating the word count of the article and how it was obtained. Articles with word counts over 5000 words will be returned to the authors for editing before going through the review process. The name of the application being described should be clearly stated in the manuscript title. The scientific, technical, or other usability advancements of the software should be clearly described. As far as possible, the software packages and web servers should be operating system agnostic (Windows, Linux, and OSX). All submitted manuscripts will be reviewed by an editor prior to being sent out for peer-review. The software should be generally available for evaluation or purchase at the time of publication for academic and commercial use. The software must be made available for testing by reviewers to address specific data or claims in the manuscript, upon request by reviewers, while preserving reviewer anonymity. Articles viewed to be unsuitable for the journal or inconsistent with the above guidelines will be returned after editorial review.

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**Retractions.** Articles may be retracted for scientific or ethical reasons. Articles that contain seriously flawed or erroneous data such that their findings and conclusions cannot be relied upon

may be retracted in order to correct the scientific record. Retractions may be requested by the article author(s) or by the Journal Editor(s) but are ultimately published at the discretion of the Editor. When an article is retracted, a notice of Retraction will be published containing information about the original article title, author list, and the reason for the Retraction. Retracted articles will be accompanied by the related Retraction notice and will be marked as “Retracted”. The originally published article will remain on the web except in extraordinary circumstances (e.g., where deemed legally necessary or if the availability of the published content poses public health risks). The American Chemical Society follows guidance from the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) when considering retractions; for more information, see <http://publicationethics.org/>.

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- there is inconclusive evidence of research or publication misconduct by the authors;
- there is evidence that the findings are unreliable but the authors’ institution will not investigate the case;
- an investigation into alleged misconduct related to the publication either has not been, or would not be, fair and impartial or conclusive;
- an investigation is underway but a judgment will not be available for a considerable time.

Expressions of concern are published at the discretion of the Editor-in-Chief. Upon completion of any related investigation, and when a final determination is made about the outcome of the article, the expression of concern may be replaced with a retraction notice or correction.

## ACS Researcher Resources

While this document will provide basic information on how to prepare and submit the manuscript as well as other critical information about publishing, we also encourage authors to visit [ACS Researcher Resources](#) for additional information on everything that is needed to prepare (and review) manuscripts for ACS journals and partner journals, such as

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## Manuscript Preparation

### Submit with Fast Format

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- Figures, charts, tables, schemes, and equations should be embedded in the text at the point of relevance. Separate graphics can be supplied later at revision, if necessary.
- When required by a journal's structure or length limitations, manuscript templates should be used.
- References can be provided in any style, but they must be complete, including titles. For information about the required components of different reference types, please refer to the [ACS Style Quick Guide](#).
- Supporting Information must be submitted as a separate file(s).

## Document Templates and Format

The templates facilitate the peer review process by allowing authors to place artwork and tables close to the point where they are discussed within the text. Learn more about document templates [here](#).

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See the list of [Acceptable Software](#) and appropriate [File Designations](#) to be sure your file types are compatible with ACS Paragon Plus. Information for manuscripts generated from [TeX/LaTeX](#) is also available.

## Cover Letter

A cover letter must accompany every manuscript submission. During the submission process, you may type it or paste it into the submission system, or you may attach it as a file.

For *JCIM*, we request that authors fill out the provided RTF [Submission Cover Letter and Author Checklist](#) and submit as their cover letter.

## Manuscript Text Components

**Title.** The title of the paper should be brief—preferably 12 words or fewer. Readers rarely read and absorb longer titles, so it should be concise. An abstract of 3–4 sentences is required, and as with the title, it should be concise, touching on just the major points about which the author wants to alert the reader.

Note on all Submissions. An [editorial](#) was published on guidelines for publishing papers in *JCIM: J. Chem. Inf. Model.* 2015, 55, 719. Submissions should follow these guidelines.



## Supporting Information

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**QSAR/QSPR Submissions.** An editorial was published on [guidelines](#) for QSAR/QSPR papers: *J.*

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## Editorial Policies

To help *JCIM* authors prepare high-quality manuscripts, we propose the extended guidelines listed in Table 1 of our published 2015 [Editorial](#), reproduced here.

### More Likely To Succeed in Review:

- Modeling study leading to a design that enables new and successful experiments (e.g., new potent compounds) irrespective of the modeling technique.
- Models (with clearly outlined availability, e.g., implemented as a web service) of important new endpoints and demonstrably better models (e.g., larger and/or much higher quality) than any other existing models. Models for a known endpoint but a new biological target (e.g., human vs rodent data) confirmatory vs primary assay that leads to clearly outlined design strategies.
- Provocative papers criticizing/rejecting existing paradigms; should be very well grounded and preferably must provide the reader some idea(s) how to solve the problem. Methodological papers summarizing best practices.
- New approaches for modeling, clustering, similarity estimation, etc. Must be benchmarked against multiple different tasks and consistently show superiority. These approaches could be developed and tested using simulated data sets but applied to several real tasks, and actual compounds should be designed using them.
- Manuscripts describing databases/data sets; should contain some unique features—the biggest existing data set, user-friendly database, etc.
- Perspectives on "hot" or important topics.
- New nontrivial analyses/concepts of all related fields including med chem, drug design, tox, etc., approached from the molecular modeling point of view.
- Papers describing innovative application of existing cheminformatics techniques to new types of substances (nanomaterials, materials, mixtures, polymers, macromolecules, texts) that lead to new testable hypotheses.

### Less Likely To Succeed in Review:

- Routine modeling studies or modeling of thoroughly explored biological endpoints (LogP or well-studied inhibitor classes such as ACE inhibitors).
- Models for a known endpoint, or an old data set, that do not show any advantage over existing models or models that are not OECD-compliant viz (1) a defined endpoint, (2) an unambiguous algorithm, (3) a defined domain of applicability, (4) appropriate measures of goodness-of-fit, robustness, and predictivity, or (5) a mechanistic interpretation, if possible.
- Any paper without a section on data curation.
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- New approaches for modeling, clustering, similarity estimation, etc. without benchmarking, or if benchmarked, showed results similar to existing methods.
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## Additions and Corrections

Additions and Corrections may be requested by the author(s) or initiated by the Editor to address important issues or correct errors and omissions of consequence that arise after publication of an article. All Additions and Corrections are subject to approval by the Editor, and should bring new and directly relevant information and corrections that fix scientific facts. Minor corrections and additions will not be published. Readers who detect errors of consequence in the work of others should contact the corresponding author of that work.

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## Retractions

Articles may be retracted for scientific or ethical reasons and may be requested by the article author(s) or by the journal Editor(s), but are ultimately published at the discretion of the Editor. Articles that contain seriously flawed or erroneous data such that their findings and conclusions cannot be relied upon may be retracted in order to correct the scientific record. When an article is retracted, a notice of Retraction will be published containing information about the reason for the Retraction. The originally published article will remain online except in extraordinary circumstances (e.g. where deemed legally necessary, or if the availability of the published content poses public health risks).

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- there is evidence that the findings are unreliable but the authors’ institution will not investigate the case;
- an investigation into alleged misconduct related to the publication either has not been, or would not be, fair and impartial or conclusive;
- an investigation is underway but a judgment will not be available for a considerable time.

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## Appendix 1: PREPARING FOR SUBMISSION

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- Black and white line art, 1200 dpi
- Grayscale art, 600 dpi
- Color art, 300 dpi

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