

Guide for Authors

Overview

The success of *Geochemical Perspectives* lies in the publication of top quality manuscripts in a timely manner. Manuscripts should be written so that they tell a story and are interesting to a broad audience, i.e. to all geochemists, not only specialists in the author's field. Each article should provide an overview and synthesis. It should not be a review. It should tell the history of the development of a field, tell how new research directions came about and offer opinions about the direction new research should or could go in the future. We also encourage a large number of figures and photos, to make the text accessible and interesting.

Article length

Each article consists of 40,000 to 60,000 words including figures, tables, references and index. An article should be 100-150 pages in A5 format. More cannot be published.

Target Audience

Geochemical Perspectives articles are written at a level that is accessible for teaching at third year bachelor or first year graduate school level but are sufficiently broad and cutting edge to be of interest to junior or senior scientists. They are not reviews but ought to contain state of the art science, put into the perspective of the development of that branch of geochemistry.

Author timeline

The following schedule is necessary to achieve timely publication. T is the target publication date:

Month T - 6:	Submission of manuscript with a list of 3-6 suggested reviewers that could help improve scientific content.
Month T - 6 to T - 4	Review of manuscript for scientific content.
Month T - 4 to T - 3	Revisions by author(s).
Month T - 3 to T - 2.5	Copy-editing for improving clarity, correcting typos etc.
Month T - 2.5 to T - 2	Submission to typesetter.
Month T - 2 to T - 1	Verification/corrections of proofs from typesetter.
Month T - 1	Submission to printer.

Manuscripts will be reviewed rapidly for content and readability by at least three *Geochemical Perspectives* editors and/or external experts.

Co-authorship

Co-authorship should be discussed at an early stage with the Editor. Any addition or change of co-author is not permitted without prior agreement of the entire Editorial Board.

Formatting

To facilitate creation of camera-ready copy, articles should be written using MS Word. Manuscripts (including text, references, acknowledgments and figure captions) should be typed double-spaced, using 12 pt Times New Roman. More information about tables and figures is provided below. Please use British English spelling, grammar and style; we recommend setting the language as English UK in the text editor.

Geochemical Perspectives uses three levels of heading:

- **BOLD CAPITALS** (which will be formatted in colour by the typesetter)
- **Bold normal** (which will be formatted in colour by the typesetter)
- **Bold italics**

In the text:

- Leave one empty line above and below each heading.
- Number headings as 1. then subheadings as 1.1 then sub-subheadings as 1.1.1.
- Do not indent paragraphs (all paragraphs will be formatted appropriately by the typesetter). Leave one empty line between paragraphs.
- Use standard SI units. Use units without punctuation and with appropriate spacing (leaving one space between the unit and the quantity), thus: 7 kJ mol⁻¹, 25 °C.
- Define terms in mathematical equations. Use symbols compatible with journals commonly used by geochemists (*American Mineralogist*, *Canadian Mineralogist*, *Chemical Geology*, *Earth and Planetary Science*, *Mineralogical Magazine*, *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta* or *Clays and Clay Minerals*).

We follow the recommendations of the International Mineralogical Association regarding mineral nomenclature. [See recommendations.](#)

Referencing style

Citations may be made directly or parenthetically. Groups of references should be listed first chronologically, then alphabetically.

- Single author: the author's name (without initials, unless there is ambiguity) and the year of publication. Example: Smith, 2000. Example for parenthetical citation: (Smith, 2000) or « Smith (2000) suggested that... »

- Two authors: both authors' names and the year of publication. Example: Smith and Jones, 2005. Example for parenthetical citation: (Smith and Jones, 2005) or « Smith and Jones (2005) suggested that... »
- Three or more authors: first author's name followed by "et al." and the year of publication. Example: Smith *et al.*, 2000. Example for parenthetical citation: (Smith *et al.*, 2000) or « Smith *et al.* (2000) suggested that... »
- Several references following each other should be separated by a semicolon: Bargar *et al.*, 1999; Fitts *et al.*, 1999; Ostergren *et al.*, 2000a,b.

References should be listed at the end of each section. This is required for the GeoScience World web access. Articles that are not published cannot be referenced.

- Reference to a journal publication:
Smith, J., Jones, A.J., Williams, R.A. (2003) The chemistry of Sulfur. *Reviews in Mineralogy and Geochemistry* 43, 55–99.
- Reference to a book:
Strunk Jr., W., White, E.B. (1979) *The Elements of Style*. Third Edition, Macmillan, New York.
- Reference to a chapter in an edited book:
Jones, G.U., Smith, L.B. (1995) The chemistry of Hydrogen. In: James, B.S., Berlin, R.N. (Eds.) *The Elements from A to Z*. Smith-Publishing Inc., New York, pp. 21–34.
- References should be ordered alphabetically by authors name and as follows for a same author:
 - Single author by chronological order
 - Two authors by chronological order
 - Three authors or more by by chronological
 Example:
 Raiswell, R. (1984)
 Raiswell, R. (2011)
 Raiswell, R., Berner, R.A. (1985)
 Raiswell, R., Anderson, T.F. (2005)
 Raiwell, R., Canfield, D.E., Berner, R.A. (1994)

Figures References:

- In the text, as "Figure 1.1 describes...". If the reference is parenthetical, it should be "(Fig. 1.1)".
- In a caption, as "Figure section number.figure number" (example: "Figure 1.1" followed by the caption).

Tables and Figures

- Take advantage of the ability to publish figures and photographs in colour; use striking graphics.
- Although it is the author's responsibility for producing figures, some help is provided in improving images, homogenising styles and obtaining permissions.
- For naming your figures and tables, please use the following convention: Figure section number.figure number (Figure. 1.1 or Table 1.1).
- For printing, we need high resolution photographs (300 dpi at published size) or line drawings (preferably coloured) at 600 dpi.
- Pictures from a web site or a PowerPoint presentation are not likely to be adequate for printing. Files in tif, jpeg and eps format are acceptable.
- Use embedded fonts.
- Do not send figures embedded in other software. If you plan to use other software, please contact the Editorial Manager.

Submission of completed manuscript

Send your manuscript to the *Geochemical Perspectives* office as an MS-Word attachment to an e-mail or upload it in a dropbox folder (<https://www.dropbox.com>) and share the folder with 'office@eag.eu.com'. The manuscript must include abstract, acknowledgements, references, figure captions, and keywords, with the pages numbered. Upload original artwork, figures and tables, as separate files. Save colour in RGB or CYMK form.

Supplementary data

If necessary, we accept electronic supplementary material. Supplementary files will be published online alongside the electronic version, on the *Geochemical Perspectives* website.

Colour photos

Colour photos and graphics are strongly encouraged. There is no extra cost for their publication.