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Editorial of the journal “Plant Breeding and Seed Production”

Instructions for WRITING THE REVIEW

Previous remarks

Plant Breeding and Seed Production is a journal biannually published by the Serbian Association of Plant Breeders and Seed Producers. The journal publishes manuscripts on plant breeding and seed production in the following categories: original scientific papers, review papers, brief communications, scientific polemics, professional papers, expert comments and book reviews. Manuscripts submitted to this journal must not have already been published nor under consideration for publishing elsewhere. The official language of the journal is Serbian, English and Russian. The authors propose the category for their manuscript, but it may not be accepted. The journal also publishes news, documents and technical reports significant for the field of plant breeding and seed production, as well as, reviews with no category.

The review should be scientifically based, objective and unbiased assessment. That is achieved by the application of certain scientific methods by the reviewer such as critical analysis and synthesis, and it depends on the sort of publication and scientific area.

The main aim of the review procedure is to assess submitted paper objectively. Based on the unbiased assessment it could be relatively establish whether the submitted manuscript should be published.

The purpose of the review is to raise the quality of published papers in the journal *Plant Breeding and Seed Production*, through the assessment of originality, professional and scientific quality of the manuscript, relevance of references, and the improvement of writing style.

The review is divided in four parts:

1. General part of the review
2. Specific part of the review, where general remarks should be given up to 200 words, as well as additional comments and suggestions for eventual alternations and replenishments (up to 1000 words). Comments could be also given in the body text applying the option *Word/Review/Track changes*.
3. Conclusion of the review which is done by answering 12 questions in the reviewer's sheet.
4. Final decision.

1. General part of the review

In this part of the review attention should be paid to the volume and structure of the manuscript, structure of its specific parts, i.e. if they are logically arranged and whether they make a homogeneous formation.



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2. Specific part of the review

In the reviewer's sheet the space where general remarks should be given up to 200 words is provided, as well as specific remarks (up to 1000 words). Comments could be also given in the body text applying the option *Word/Review/Track changes*.

In this part, reviewer should pay attention to the title of the manuscript, actuality of the paper and results, applied methodology, significance of the results, and if needed suggestions for the improvement of the quality and structure of the paper should be given. Establish with arguments whether the submitted paper satisfies requirements to be published in the journal by the volume, applied terminology, style and language. Mark the corrections addressed to spelling and grammar mistakes, although the final decision for this is up to technical editor of the journal/Lector. It is also recommended that the reviewer warns about eventual dactylographic and meaningful mistakes.

It is essential that reviewer establishes whether the illustrations (tables, pictures, figures, drawings...) are correctly formed, clear enough, visible, and if they present accurately certain phenomena. If not it should be shortly explained and alterations should be suggested.

Primarily reviewer should establish whether the author of the manuscript cited other authors in the common way for scientific and professional papers, i.e. if the references are properly cited. Reviewer will concerning that suggest certain corrections and solutions so the paper would meet quality standards of the journal. Also reviewer should pay attention to the reference list and check if it is in agreement with Instruction for authors <http://www.dsss.org.rs>.

3. Conclusion of the review

In this part of the review, proposed questions should be answered with one of the suggested answers ("YES", "NO", or "Needs to be corrected").

1. Are all the aspects of the manuscript understandable?
2. Is the paper corresponding to the subjects of the journal Plant Breeding and Seed Production?
3. Is the aim of the paper clearly defined?
4. Are the adequate methods applied?
5. Is the experiment repeatable?
6. Does the paper contain satisfactory level of originality of aims and methods?
7. Are the results clearly presented?
8. Are the references adequate?
9. Is the discussion adequate and in accordance with results?
10. Are the conclusions clear, unambiguous and in accordance with results and discussion?
11. Is the writing style clear and unambiguous?
12. Are the tables, graphs and pictures of the paper clear and understandable?

4. Final decision

Final decision of the reviewer is indicated by marking one of the offered options

1. Manuscript is accepted in a submitted form
2. Manuscript is accepted with minor corrections
3. Manuscript could be accepted with major corrections
4. Manuscript is not recommended for publication



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Remark:

The journal publishes following paper categories:

1. Original scientific/professional paper
2. Preliminary communication
3. Review paper
4. Scientific/professional polemics
5. Book review
6. Other (reviews with no category: news, documents and technical reports significant for the field of plant breeding and seed production).

Thank you for your cooperation and quality enhancement, of the journal Plant Breeding and Seed Production.

With all respect,

Editorial board of the Journal