Clay Minerals – short guidance notes for authors

We encourage all authors to read our full guidance notes about preparing and submitting a manuscript.

These are available at https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/clay-minerals/information/instructions-contributors for ***Clay Minerals***.

The following are the key points, attention to which, will help your paper to move most quickly through the submission and review system:

1. If English isn't the native language of any of the authors, then consider paying for our professional, pre-submission language-editing service available at: https://www.cambridge.org/core/services/authors/language-services

2. Make sure that your figures meet our standards. They must be in the right format (.tif or .eps; not MS-Word) and they most have appropriate resolution (i.e. 300 dpi for a photograph; 600 dpi for a line diagram, at the size of reproduction).

3. Make sure that the lettering on your figures is of an appropriate size. It won't work if the lettering on the horizontal axis is 24 pt and the labelling on the vertical axis is 6 pt.

4. When creating your tables, use our format. See the examples given in our instructions for contributors (https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/clay-minerals/information/instructions-contributors).

5. There are specific uses for italic. Do not use italic (or bold) purely for emphasis.

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7. Read about a typical manuscript structure here (https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/clay-minerals/information/instructions-contributors). It is very unusual for a paper to use a structure which is different from this.

8. Authors who do not follow our instructions (https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/clay-minerals/information/instructions-contributors) about how to format a reference list, delay publication of their paper. It is a slow, time-consuming job to get this right.

9. Use of supplementary material is becoming increasingly common and this material is welcome in both of our Society journals. Make sure you cite it appropriately. Read our guidance notes. (https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/clay-minerals/information/instructions-contributors)

10. All crystallography papers with single-crystal XRD need a crystallographic information file. Read about them here. (https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/clay-minerals/information/instructions-contributors)