

Guidelines for Authors

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Aims and scope

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II. PREPARATION OF THE MANUSCRIPTS

Types of manuscripts

(1) *Full-length Reports* reporting original results within the field of psychedelic research. A Full-length Report typically should not exceed 4000 words for the main body of the paper (i.e., excluding abstract, references, acknowledgments, tables and figures).

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