**AGRONOMY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT KEY INSTRUCTIONS**

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|  | RESEARCH ARTICLE | | META-ANALYSIS | REVIEW ARTICLE |
| Word limit | < 8000 words | | | 16000 words |
| Formatting | Times 11 ; 1.5 spacing, lines numbered | | | |
| Novelty | * should be clearly explained in the cover letter, the abstract, the end of the Results and Discussion section; the Conclusion section * should be stated precisely and objectively, for example using “Here we show for the first time that ...”, or “This is the first...”. | | | The interest of the review should be clearly explained in the cover letter and the abstract |
| Title | Short and informative, highlighting the novelty and the result of the study | Should end by  “. A meta-analysis” | | Should end by  “. A review” |
| Abstract | < 300 words  Should present:  1. Background/issues/hypothesis  2. Experimental  3. Results/novelty | | | < 300 words  Should present:  1. Background/issues  2. Major advances and interest of the review |
| Sections | 1. Introduction  2. Materials and methods  3. Results and discussion  4. Conclusion | | | Contents  1. Introduction  2. First section (no IMRAD structure)  X. Conclusion |
| Results and discussion | A combined Results and Discussion section should be preferred | | | Not applicable |
| Figures and tables | < 8 . Figures should be preferred. | | Not limited but total number should be justified | Not limited but total number should be justified |
| Tables should preferably fit on one page | | | |
| The introduction should include a color photo, named “Figure 1”, highlighting the main topic of the article | | | |
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