AMB Style Rules for Authors

General:

- Font:
  - Times New Roman
  - font size 12
- Justification:
  - left-justify all text except main section headings (center them)

Title:

Bold
Left-justified
Not capitalized

Addresses:

Increasing order of "size" (department first, then institution, street, city, etc.), add "U.S.A."
Spell out state name
Present address: footnote at bottom of page 1
Author A[1*] and Author B[2]
[1]Address
[2]Address
[*]Present Address:

Key words:

Up to five words not used in title
Write header as "**Key words:**" [boldface, two words]

Running title:

short
write on title page

Section headings:

- "**Abstract**:" at beginning of abstract paragraph and body of text continues on same line
- no heading "**INTRODUCTION**"
- Main Sections: centered on page and words capitalized and in bold face
  - **MATERIALS AND METHODS**
  - **RESULTS**
  - **DISCUSSION**
  - **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**
  - **LITERATURE CITED**
- 1st-level subheadings:
  - left-justified, boldface font
  - capitalize 1st letter of first word, others in lower case
- 2nd-level subheadings:
  - left-justified, italicized font
  - capitalize 1st letter of first word, others in lower case
- Special arrangement of heads okay, especially in taxonomic papers
- Please use lower case when referring to section (*e.g.*, see discussion section)

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Common errors highlighted in yellow.

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Scientific names:

Authority/Date:

first time in body of text and in abstract
for binomens and just genus names
only for molluscs
not necessary for title (author's preferences)

Genera:

Write genus name in full the first time each paragraph
Abbreviate genus name after first time except at beginning of sentence

Citations in text:

Chronological
Dillon and Davis [not &]
Chambers 1978, 1980 (no comma after author except for taxonomic authorities)
pers. comm. or unpubl. data: OK

Figures:

Figure copyrights:

Copied figures less than 75 years old require copyright release from publisher of original figure.

Figure legends:

Use boldface font for word "**Figure**" in figure legends (please refer to recent issues)
Use abbreviation "Fig." in text but "**Figure x**" in legend
abbreviations in legends, not as separate section
(S, shell; O, operculum)

Figure numbers:

Number figures consecutively (1, 2, 3…)
Panels within figures should be labeled A, B, C… (not a, b, c…and not numerically)
Refer to several figures in text: (Figs. 1C, 1F) or (Figs. 4A-H)
No space between figure number and letter

Footnotes:

usually not, except government disclaimer about trade names (required) and current address of corresponding author

Literature in text:

Check against literature citations (and vice versa)
1 author: no comma → (Jones 1960)
2 authors: use and rather than &; no comma → (Jones and Ross 1960)
3 authors: use *et al.* and no comma → (Jones *et al.* 1960)
Spacing: Jones (1960a, 1960b) → not Jones (1960a, b)
Do not instruct reader to see references: write (Jones 1960), not (see Jones 1960)

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Citations of figures and tables in text:

Mark approx. locations for figures and tables in left margin of text
In text: (Fig. 1), (Figs. 1A, 1C), (Figs. 1-3), (Figs.4A-H), (Table 1) [not Fig.1C,F]
In figure/table legend: **Figure 1.** or **Table 3.**

Literature cited:

Authors

- do not reverse names after first author
- space between each initial (C. D. Trowbridge)

Sort citations as follows:
Alphabetically by first author
Then by number of authors: 1-author, 2-author, 3-author….
Do not rely on the Microsoft Word "sort" command to order references
Journal titles: spell out in full, italicized font, no comma after journal title
also: *The Nautilus, The Echo, The Veliger*
but: *Journal of Molluscan Studies*
Volume: in boldface with no space before colon but one space after colon
Issue numbers: do not list
Book titles italicized
[For more detail, please reference to **Reference Examples.pdf**]

Punctuation:

Italics:
e.g., i.e., sensu, per se, et al., sensu stricto, sensu lato, in situ, and *de novo*
Not in italics:
pers. comm., pers. obs., unpubl. data
aff., cf.

Abbreviations:

pers. comm., pers. obs., unpubl. data
aff., cf.
approx.

Spelling:

Use American English dictionary
Online Merriam-Webster dictionary: http://www.m-w.com/

Statistics:

n = number of replicates
N = total sample size
P = probability value
SD = standard deviation
SE = standard error

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