

Comparative Exercise Physiology

Notes for Authors

Aims and Scope

Comparative Exercise Physiology provides a forum for presenting the results of research related to understanding and improving animal exercise and performance. Research into all animals, including humans, will be welcome. The key areas the Journal concentrates on include:

Exercise physiology
Biomechanics and gait (including the effect of riders)
Nutrition and biochemistry
Rehabilitation
Psychology and behaviour
Breeding and genetics

Other areas for consideration include pharmaceuticals and doping, ageing, environment, transport and any other research relevant to exercise and athletic performance.

Styles of Paper

Comparative Exercise Physiology publishes four types of paper:

Full research papers

A full account of a complete project with experimental details.

Short communications

A preliminary account of exciting new results for which work is ongoing but the author wants to report early findings. Indicative experimental summaries should be included.

Research notes

Short accounts of small projects that might not merit a full paper but which nonetheless would be of interest to the community (e.g. undergraduate research projects or minor aspects of a Ph.D. thesis). These might include technical notes. The full thesis should be referenced.

Reviews

Literature overviews of recent research in a larger subtopic or comparative reviews of related work in different species. Reviews will normally be specially commissioned but we would welcome any suggestions from authors for reviews they wish to write. Reviews can be comparative across species or be confined to a single species.

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Manuscript Submission

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2 Sanderson CJ (1999). Cytokines active on eosinophils. In: Makino S and Fukuda T (eds.) *Eosinophils: Biological and Clinical Aspects*. Boca Raton: CRC Press, pp. 274-287.

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