Truffology — Guidelines for authors

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About the journal

The journal *Truffology* (The Bulletin of the Japanese Association for Truffle Science [JATS]) (ISSN: 2433-9725) is a free, online, scientific journal published by JATS. It is devoted to studies on truffles (including truffle–like fungi, secotioid fungi and peer truffles) as well as other related fungi and will be published annually. The journal consists of original scientific papers, reviews, observation records, lists of specimens, essays and other miscellaneous articles. Manuscripts of original scientific papers and reviews will be reviewed by one or two anonymous reviewers. *Truffology* does not require submission and publication charges. So far, *Truffology* only accepts manuscripts that include at least one member of JATS.

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Number of lines per page: 25

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**Style in the “References” list:**


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