

INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS

Conditions of publication, proposal of article

The *Journal of the Tunisian Chemical Society* (JSCT) publishes original articles, brief notes and developments relating to research work in the field of chemistry.

Proposed articles have to be in English and must not have been the subject of any previous publication or proposal in other magazines or reviews. They will include a summary written in English and accompanied by keywords (5 max.), in English also. The text of the article will contain an introduction (which introduces the subject) followed by sections corresponding to the description of the equipment, the presentation and the discussion of the results and a conclusion (not compulsory). These sections must be arranged in the order in which they would normally appear according to specialisation. A list of bibliographical references should be appended to the article.

Articles must be submitted in electronic form through the site of the Tunisian Chemical Society: www.sctunisie.org, using the tab: **Submit Your Article Online**. After online registration, the author will be attributed a login and a password to allow the author to follow the various stages of the acceptance of his/ her article.

Proposed articles will be given a first reading before being submitted to an expert for analysis of the scientific content. Proposals which contain major defects will be returned immediately to their authors, before analysis. Authors can suggest names (with precise address) of referees who, in their opinion, will be better able to analyze the article.

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Once proposals have received outline acceptance they should be returned to the Journal, in definitive form, within six months. After this deadline, they will be considered as new proposals.

Presentation of the definitive form

Since the articles will be copied directly, we ask authors to pay particular attention to the presentation and to ensure that the article conforms to the descriptions stipulated below:

The article has to be in standard A4 format (21 x 29,7 cm) and will not exceed 16 pages. The selected typeface is Times, simple line spacing for the whole document, without pagination, neither in the header, nor in footer.

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- For periodicals

[1] H. O. House, W. F. Fisher, *J. Org. Chem.*, **1968**, 33, 949.

- For individual works

[2] J. March, *Advanced Organic Chemistry*, 4th ed., Wiley, New York, **1992**, p. 1013.

- For collective works

[3] S. Patai, Z. Rappoport, *Nucleophilic attacks on carbon-carbon double bonds*, pp. 469-583, in *The Chemistry of Alkenes*, S. Patai editor, John Wiley & Sons, New York, **1964**.

- For patents

[4] A. B. Baylis, M. E. Hilman, *German Patent* 21551113, 1972; *Chem. Abstr.*, **1972**, 77, 34174 q.