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- **Tutorials** (clear descriptions of topics to communicate specific research topics to a broad audience)

Topics for review, commentary or tutorial articles should be discussed with a member of the Editorial Board prior to submission.

FORMAT

Authors should strictly follow the journal format as closely as possible with respect to headings, formatting and especially references. The corresponding author's email addresses should be included on the manuscript. After acceptance of the article, it is expected that the corresponding author will re-submit the manuscript following the *SABRAO J. Breed. Genet.* template format, which is available from the Editorial Board or from the website.

Parts of a research article

Usually, a full-length paper contains the following parts:

1. TITLE - as concise and descriptive as possible, usually less than 20 words long. Include the scientific names of the species studied if one or two are involved.

2. AUTHOR'S NAMES - each followed by a superscript number referring to the respective addresses of the author(s). The current email addresses should be indicated for the corresponding author and all co-authors.

3. SUMMARY - should be completely self-explanatory and should be about 250 to 300 words. The purpose, methods, major findings, and conclusions of the study should be included. The summary should clearly state the benefits of the study to plant breeders or geneticists.

4. KEYWORDS - Six to eight keywords allowing the subject to be classified in databases. The words may occur in the title, and may occur in pairs, e.g., acid soils.

5. KEY FINDINGS - short statement (1-3 sentences) highlighting the key take-home messages or benefits of the research to breeders/crop scientists.

6. INTRODUCTION - should briefly describe the subject area with justification, a summary of previous reports, including citations of the most significant ones. Point out the deficiencies in knowledge left by previous studies, then state which experiments have been designed and conducted to add new knowledge.

7. MATERIALS AND METHODS - describe the origin and nature of the materials used. Procedures used, experimental design, and methods of data analysis should be presented. This section can be concise citing appropriate references instead of lengthy descriptions of methods used. Statistical software packages used for data analysis (indicating the version and software distributor) should be indicated in this section.

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Eberhart SA, Russell WA (1966). Stability parameters for comparing varieties. *Crop Sci.* 6: 36-40.

Books and book chapters:

Yoshida M, Smith AB, Jones DB (1989). Title of chapter. In: A. Lucas. B. Mason, and C. Baker, eds., *Title of Book*. Publisher, City.

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Falconer DS, Mackay TFC (1996). Introduction to Quantitative Genetics. (4th ed.). Pearson.

Khan NU (2013). F₁ Hybrid. In: Stanley Maloy and Kelly Hughes, editors. *Brenner's Encyclopedia of Genetics*. 2nd edition, Vol. 3. San Diego: Academic Press, pp. 2-4.