

## Preparation of manuscript

Contributions, which will be subject to scrutiny by independent referees and editorial revision, should normally not exceed the equivalent of 8 pages of the journal (or approximately 6000 words) including tables, illustrations and references. Papers should be presented in Word format, in an A4 layout, using Times New Roman 12 point font, which should be double-spaced with 2.5 cm margins and consecutive line numbering (continuous over pages) along the left margin. The pages of the paper itself should be numbered in the upper right-hand corner.

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**Keywords** (up to 8)

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## Use of italics

Any Latin phrases, e.g. *in vivo*, *et al.*, should be italicised. For species names, only italicise if the name in full is used, e.g. *Salmonella infantis* or if suffixed by ‘*spp.*’, e.g. *Clostridia spp.*, when referring to multiple or undefined species. The first part of the species name should be capitalised, and the second in lower case, without exception (e.g. *Salmonella dublin*). All other references to bacterial, animal or plant family names, should be formatted as regular text, e.g. ‘birds that test campylobacter-positive...’.

## References

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The author is wholly responsible for the accuracy and correct citation of the references, and incorrectly cited or referenced papers will be returned for amendment.

**HODGETTS, B.** (1981) Dealing with dirty hatching eggs. MAFF Information for Flock Farms and Hatcheries: Hatch Handout, No.17.

**JACOB, J. and ZISWILER, V.** (1982) The uropygial gland, in: FARNER, D.S., KING, S.R. & PARKS, K.C. (Eds) Avian Biology, Vol. 6, pp. 199-324 (New York, Academic Press).

**JOHNSON, R., THOMAS, F., PYM, R. and FAIRCLOUGH, R.** (1986) The effect of long term genetic selection on growth hormone secretion and protein turnover in meat-type chickens. Proceedings of the 7th European Poultry Conference, Paris, pp. 975-979.

**LEESON, S. and SUMMERS, J.D.** (1980) Production and carcass characteristics of the broiler chicken. Poultry Science 59: 786-798.

**SAPOLSKY, R.M., KREY, L.C. and MCEWAN, B.S.** (1984) Stress down-regulates corticosterone receptor in a site-specific manner in the brain. Endocrinology 114: 287-292.

**SALEH, F.I.M.** (1984) Nutritional factors in relation to the stress of hot climates on the fowl. Ph. D. Thesis, University of London.

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