

## What type is my paper?

### Research Paper:

Research Papers describe a highly significant advancement in the particular field of analytical and/or bioanalytical research. All papers are judged according to originality, novelty, quality of scientific content and contribution to existing knowledge. A Research Paper may describe instrumental developments, innovative applications and/or strategies for problem solving with a multi-disciplinary approach. Articles dealing with known analytical methods should offer a highly significant original application of the method, or results for novel analytes. References to the established technique must be given in the manuscript. Articles on fundamentals of measurement sciences may be theoretical in approach.

There is no strict page limit, but we advise a maximum length of up to 6000 words including 20-30 references, plus 4-6 figures and 1-3 tables. Most importantly, paper length and content must be appropriate.

Extensive tables, procedures, computer programs or animated graphics should be presented in form of Electronic Supplementary Material.

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- general problems of analytical and bioanalytical chemistry under discussion in the scientific community.

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