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Authors complete correspondence Address (es) of affiliations and e-mail (s)

Abstract

Keywords (indexing terms), usually 3-6 items

Introduction

Material and Methods

Results and Discussion

Conclusion

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References

Tables (all tables given in the main text)

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Table 1. Limitations for each manuscript type

Type of manuscript	Page	Abstract word limit	Reference limit
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Tables should be included in the main document and presented after the reference list, and they should be numbered consecutively in the order they are referred to within the main text. A descriptive title must be placed above the tables. Abbreviations in the tables should be defined below them by footnotes (even if they are defined within the main text). Tables should be created using the “insert table” command of the word processing software and arranged clearly to provide easy reading. Data presented in the tables should not be a repetition of the data presented within the main text but should support the main text.

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References

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Alofa, C.S., Olodo, I.Y., Chabi Kpéra Orou Nari, M., Abou, Y. (2023). Effects of the fresh and dried housefly (*Musca domestica*) larvae in the diets of Nile tilapia *Oreochromis niloticus* (Linnaeus, 1758): growth, feed utilisation efficiency, body composition, and biological indices. *Aquatic Research*, 6(1), 1-10.

<https://doi.org/10.3153/AR23001>

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A book in print

Bhujel, R.C. (2014). A manual for tilapia business. CABI Nosworthy Way Wallingford Oxfordshire OX10 8DE UK, 199 p. ISBN 978-1-78064-136-2.

<https://doi.org/10.1079/9781780641362.0000>

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A book chapter

Craddock, N. (1997). Practical management in the food industry A case study. In Food Allergy Issues for the Food Industry; Lessof, M., Ed.; Leatherhead Food Research: Leatherhead, U.K., pp 25-38. ISBN: 4546465465

A webpage

CDC (2020). Rift Valley Fever | CDC. <https://www.cdc.gov/vhf/rvf/index.html> (accessed 20.08.2020).

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