

GUIDELINES FOR AUTHORS

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Type of contributions expected

The journal **Interactions** publishes all types of scientific articles concerning the relationships between body alterations, dysfunctions and handicaps. In particular, it publishes:

- papers presenting the results of empirical research, following the standard format of Introduction, Method, Results, Discussion or Conclusion;
- papers that present and develop an idea or a scientific theory;
- topic reviews giving the current state of knowledge on a given subject;
- review articles (3 to at most 5 pages) presenting a concise, critical synopsis and review of a recently published work related to the subject of the journal or of the thematic issue concerned.

If you wish to publish in Interactions, you have the option, before submitting a complete paper, of sending the Editorial Board a **paper proposal** of at most two pages, clearly presenting the subject you plan to address, the results, and an outline of the paper you intend to write. You will be informed rapidly whether the proposed paper is liable to be selected.

Thematic issues are composed of papers related to a unifying theme defined in a call for papers. Thematic issues are published alternately with **general issues**, which may accept any scientific paper related to the general subject of the journal. The purpose of general issues is to avoid arbitrarily restricting the journal's subject coverage and to allow this coverage to evolve in line with developments in science.

For any further information, please contact the [editor-in-chief](#) of the journal or, in the case of a thematic issue, the coordinator of the issue.

Manuscript writing style

Interactions is a thematic and firmly multidisciplinary journal. The papers published are not intended for members of a specific field; rather, they are intended to make the information provided accessible to research scientists in various fields, as well as to practitioners and professionals who may benefit from them.

One of the inherent difficulties of multi- or transdisciplinary research lies in the fact that research scientists in different fields have difficulty in communicating with one another. Many of them are accustomed to publishing almost exclusively in the journals of their specific discipline (which in most cases are the only journals recognised by their evaluators). Difficulties in communicating with colleagues in other fields may thus be due not only to the use of different conceptual systems but also, at times, to overuse of field-specific jargon that is not indispensable and **that must absolutely be avoided in the journal Interactions**.

To be published in **Interactions**, authors will therefore need to make a considerable effort to make their text accessible to scientists, practitioners and professionals in different fields, without compromising the scientific quality of the contribution.

This requirement is indispensable given the journal's objective, and may also prove beneficial for authors, in that it obliges them to eschew the facility offered by professional jargon and make a special effort to define and clarify the concepts they use. For this reason, the quality of writing is an important criterion in selection of papers for publication.

N.B. Papers should address a specific, well-defined topic. Thesis summaries may not be submitted as papers, but may in some cases be the subject of a review. Short, concise papers on specific topics are particularly welcome.

File formats and manuscript formatting

If you decide to submit a paper to our journal, it must follow our formatting rules and specific guidelines on page layout. Please be sure to observe these requirements.

The formatting rules are set out in a Microsoft Word document template (.dotx or .dot) that can be downloaded from the website and used to format your paper automatically.

Papers must be at most 15 pages long, or approximately 40,000 characters (excluding spaces). An abstract of approximately 150 words, in French and English, must precede the text.

Review articles should be from 3 to at most 5 pages long, each page of text containing from 2,500 to 3,000 characters (excluding spaces).

File formats

Papers may be submitted in the following formats:

Microsoft Word files [version 6 or later (Mac or PC)], e.g. [enonciat.doc]

Rich Text Format files (.rtf), e.g. [enonciat.rtf]

When a file contains figures embedded in the text, we prefer that you send simultaneously:

- 1) the file with the figures positioned where you want them, with a descriptive caption placed below each figure;
- 2) an [.rtf] or [.doc] file containing the text alone, and separate [.pct] or [.jpg] files for the figures.

Figures

PICT format (.pct)

In order to maintain the required print quality in the final downloadable PDF file (text and figures), please be sure that figures in [.pct] format have an initial resolution of **300 dpi, 32 bits** (300 dpi, 16 bits for large figures). If the figure exceeds 1 MB in size, use the JPEG compression format [.jpg].

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In selecting the compression rate, do not go below the "normal" compression setting, so that the final downloadable file will be of the required print quality.

Manuscript submission

Languages

Manuscripts may be submitted in French or English.

Accepted papers will be published simultaneously in English and in the author's language.

How to send submissions

As **Interactions** is an entirely electronic journal, available free of charge, and has no capital stock, papers must be submitted by email, in the form of attachments. Send your paper as an attached file or files, taking care to use the required formats: RTF (.rtf), DOC (.doc) or DOCX (.docx), i.e. Rich Text Format or Microsoft Word (see [file formats](#)). Acknowledgement of receipt will be emailed to the corresponding author within a few days.

In all cases, authors should take care to comply with:

- [file formats](#),
- the predefined format for papers (downloadable document template)
- general terms and conditions for submission of papers.

Summary information

Authors are kindly requested to send, in addition to their papers, a separate document providing the following information:

- Title of the paper.
- Surname and first name of the author or authors.
- Email address of the corresponding author (mandatory).
- University, research group or other institutional affiliation.
- If appropriate, http address (website).
- Title, abstract (150 words) and keywords (in French).
- Title, abstract (150 words) and keywords (in English).

This confidential document will be neither published nor sent to referees.

Evaluation procedure and selection of papers

Selection criteria

Interactions is open, without restriction, to contributions from all scientific fields and methods. This policy of openness behoves us to give an explicit account of the criteria used to select papers for publication.

The primary selection criteria are: (1) the scientific quality of the paper, (2) its relevance to the general subject of the journal and (3) the quality of the [writing](#).

Please note that **Interactions** is not intended to be simply a vehicle for information; it welcomes contributions that present a well-developed argument and add to the fund of knowledge in the field concerned.

It should also be noted that the purpose of scientific research, including in the fields of the legal and political sciences, is to describe and explain what is. Its purpose is not to bear judgement, to say what must or should be or to establish new norms.

Most contributors to the journal are senior research scientists or doctoral students working under the direction of such scientists.

Evaluation procedure

Papers are selected through the following procedure:

1) Two members of the Editorial Board read the contribution and issue a first opinion. Depending on the nature of that opinion, the Board may decide that:

- a) the paper can be sent to referees in its present form.
- b) the author should be asked to make some stylistic changes before the paper is sent to referees. In this case, the Board's recommendations and requests for changes will be sent to the author, who will then be responsible for sending back an amended version before a specified deadline.
- c) the author should be asked to make considerable changes in style and substance. In this case, the author is sent both the requests for changes and the comments of the readers, which may lead the author to rewrite and resubmit the paper.
- d) the paper cannot be published in **Interactions**. The author will be informed of the reasons for this refusal.

2) The papers selected in step 1 are expurgated of all information that might identify the author(s) (anonymous submission) and sent to two scientific experts for an opinion (double-blind evaluation). On the basis of these opinions, the Editorial Board will decide – and will have the sole authority to decide – whether to publish or reject the paper. The author will be informed of the decision as quickly as possible.

If you wish to know what the main evaluation criteria are, download the [evaluation form](#) from the journal's website.

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