**Author Guidelines for Submitting a Peer-Reviewed Paper**

Submitting a paper for peer review at the IAPRI Conference is an opportunity to contribute lasting knowledge to the packaging research community. For acceptance for publication by Packaging Technology & Scienced (PTS), the research should demonstrate significant novelty and scientific significance-whether theoretical, methodological, material-related, or application-oriented. They encourage authors to emphasize the innovative, or scientifically significant aspects of their research in their manuscripts.

To ensure your work meets the high standards expected by PTS, IAPRI suggests that you follow these guidelines carefully.

**1. Originality and Novel Contribution**

* Your paper must present new insights, data, or applications that advance knowledge in packaging science and technology.
* Work that is a duplicate of previously published material will not be considered.
* Clearly identify the research gap your study addresses and explain the innovation in your approach or findings.

**2. Scientific Rigor and Methodology**

* State your research question or hypothesis clearly.
* Provide a complete description of the methods so the study can be replicated.
* Use appropriate experimental design, controls, and statistical analysis.
* Present your results honestly; selective reporting, fabrication, or falsification are grounds for rejection.

**3. Relevance and Significance**

* Position your work within current literature and practice.
* Demonstrate its significance to packaging science and related industries.
* Highlight the theoretical, technological, or practical impact of your findings.

**4. Paper Structure and Clarity**

* Follow the PTS the Manuscript Style and other information at**:**[**https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/page/journal/10991522/homepage/ForAuthors.html**](https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/page/journal/10991522/homepage/ForAuthors.html)

**5. Data Quality and Analysis**

* Ensure datasets are robust and support conclusions drawn.
* Present figures and tables that are clear, correctly labeled, and accompanied by explanatory captions.
* Provide analysis that explains the meaning and implications of the data rather than only describing it.
* Avoid overstating conclusions beyond what your data supports.

**6. Ethical Standards**

* Disclose funding sources and potential conflicts of interest.
* Acknowledge collaborators and contributions appropriately.
* Data sharing is encouraged where ethically and legally permissible. Include a Data Availability Statement indicating where supporting data can be accessed or why it is not available.

**7. References and Scholarship**

* Provide a comprehensive and current literature review.
* Accurately and fairly cite prior work.
* References must be numbered consecutively in order of appearance using Arabic superscript numerals.
* Journal titles must be abbreviated according to Chemical Abstracts practices.
* Avoid plagiarism and excessive self-citation.
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**8. Technical Quality and Presentation**

* Prepare all graphics, tables, and images at publishable quality.
* Ensure consistent terminology, abbreviations, and units of measure.
* Proofread carefully for grammar, spelling, and formatting errors.

**9. Critical Discussion and Impact**

* Address the limitations of your study honestly.
* Suggest how the results may be applied in research, education, or industry practice.
* Explain the contribution of your work to the packaging community and future research opportunities.

**10. Readiness for Peer Review**

* Submit only a polished, complete manuscript. Drafts will not be accepted.
* Be prepared to revise your paper based on reviewer feedback.
* Understand that not all submissions are accepted; peer review is selective and designed to uphold the highest standards of quality.
* If your paper is not accepted as peer review it may be presented as a General Stream presentation.