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Manuscript should be typewritten with double spacing on one side of standard A4. The text should be prepared in single column format, 12pt New Times Roman. Headings except the abstract should be numbered, bold and capitalized. Subheadings should also be bold with key words starting with capital letter. Both headings and subheadings must be left align. All pages must be numbered.

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Review paper should not have empirical data acquired by the authors but should include discussion of papers published and data acquired in a specific area. All data used must be adequately referenced. The review paper must explore the topic thoroughly and should be approximately 18 – 20 double-spaced typewritten pages.

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Short Communications should be urgent communications of important preliminary results that are very original, of high interest and likely to have a significant impact on the subject area of the journal. There is no strict page limit for a short communication but not more than 5 – 7 pages double-spaced type written pages, plus 2 - 3 figures and/or tables, and 15 - 20 key references is recommended.

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this means that the manuscript should be limited to approximately 15 double-spaced typewritten pages from abstract to reference page or appendix as the case may be.

Manuscript Structure

The order of the sections should be as follows: title, author(s), address, abstract, key words, introduction, materials and methods, results and discussion, conclusions, acknowledgment (if applicable) and references.

Title Page

The title page should contain the title of the manuscript, name(s) of author(s) and their affiliations. The title should not contain any abbreviation and it should enlighten the contents of the manuscript. The affiliations should contain the department, institution, city, state and country. A lower-case superscript letter must be provided after each author's name and in front of their addresses for identification. The corresponding author should be indicated with asterisk and the e-mail address provided.

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Between 4 - 6 keywords should be provided. Key words should contain the words not in the title.

1.0 INTRODUCTION (TIMES NEW ROMAN, CAPITAL, BOLD, 12 FONT)

This section should provide a factual background, clearly defined problem, proposed solution, the scope and justification of the work done all these should be backed by relevant current literatures not more than **TEN** years from the date the work was carried out except in exceptional cases.

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This section should provide adequate information that will allow the experiment to be reproduced. Already published methods should be mentioned with references. Significant modifications of published methods and new methods should be described in detail. This section should include sub-sections based on the test or investigation carried out following the format below:

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3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Results should be clearly described in a concise manner. Results for different parameters should be described under subheadings or in separate paragraph. Table or figure numbers should be mentioned in parentheses for better understanding. Discussion must not repeat the results, but provide detailed interpretation of data. This should interpret the significance of the findings of the work. Recent citations should be given in support of the findings (note: not more TEN years from when the work was carried out). The results and discussion may be separated. But it is recommended that the sections should be joined. As in material and method section, this section must include sub-sections based on the results of the test or investigation carried out following the format below:

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Tables and figures should be placed inside the text. Tables and figures must be presented in relation to their appearance in the text. It is suggested that the discussion about the tables and figures should appear in the text before the appearance of the respective tables and figures. No tables or figures should be given without discussion or reference inside the text.

Tables should be explanatory enough to be understandable without any text reference. single spacing should be maintained throughout the table, including table headings and footnotes. Table headings should be placed above the table. Footnotes should be placed below the table with superscript lowercase letters.

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4. CONCLUSIONS

Conclusion should be based strictly on the major findings from the study. It is recommended that the conclusions be itemised using arabic numeral.

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References

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Book

Nwoboshi LC (1982). *Tropical silviculture: Principle and techniques*. Ibadan University Press, Ibadan, Nigeria. 333p.

Contribution to a Book

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