

## Manuscript submission guidelines

**1. Submitters (authors) :** For all scholarly manuscripts, one or more authors should be a member of the Japan Landslide Society (JLS), unless the manuscript has been solicited by the Editorial Board. For the maximum number of co-authors that can be listed in a paper, please refer to Table 1. If the number of co-authors exceeds the specified maximum, a research group needs to be formed and the paper be submitted by that group. Other group members can then be introduced at the end of the manuscript.

**2. Prohibition of research misconduct :** JLS prohibits research misconduct such as fabrication, falsification, plagiarism, duplicate submission, piracy, and acts contrary to research ethics (Appendix-A). In a case in which the Editorial Board determines research misconduct and acts contrary to research ethics, the JLS Editorial Board takes strict actions in accordance with JLS's bylaw.

Upon submission, all authors, including co-authors, are also asked to submit a signed copy of the Antiplagiarism Statement, and authors are required to notify the JLS Editorial Board if another work similar to the one submitted is being considered for publication. If or when a submitted manuscript is determined to be a duplicate submission, the JLS Editorial Board will impose disciplinary action such as cancellation of the peer review and retraction of the published paper according to JLS's bylaw, except for the cases noted in Appendix-B.

**3. Definition of "landslide" :** "Landslide" as defined by the JLS, refers to "the movement of a mass of rock, debris or earth down a slope" (Cruden 1991).

Cruden, D. M. (1991) : A simple definition of a landslide. Bulletin of the International Association of Engineering Geology, No. 43, pp. 27–29.

**4. Manuscript categories :** Manuscript categories and their corresponding contents are listed in Table 1. The authors should carefully consider the manuscript category before submitting the manuscript. If the JLS Editorial Board determines that the manuscript category is inappropriate, the Editorial Board may ask the authors to reconsider the category.

**5. Submitting your manuscript :** The article must be submitted electronically in MS-Word format. Manuscripts should be uploaded to Editorial Manager (EM; <https://www.editorial-manager.com/jls/>). EM requires user registration for the first-time users. After the registration, authors can log-in to EM using their username and password. Manuscripts should be formatted according to the final publication style including placement of figures, tables and images within the document (figures, tables and images can also be uploaded to EM as separate files). A template file providing a manuscript format can be downloaded from <https://japan.landslide-soc.org/publications/publications.html>.

**6. Preparing your manuscript :** Please refer to the "Author

Guidelines" when preparing your manuscript.

## 7. Resubmitting a revised manuscript

To resubmit a revised manuscript after peer review, please provide a MS-Word file together with a reply to reviewer's comments. As described above, the template file in MS-Word format can be obtained from <https://japan.landslide-soc.org/publications/publications.html>.

## 8. Manuscript reception and acceptance

We receive a submitted manuscript at any time, unless a manuscript is to be considered for a particular special edition; special editions will have specified deadlines.

**Cancellation of reception :** The Editorial Board will cancel the reception of manuscripts that deviate from the activities of the JLS, manuscripts with inappropriate submission categories, incomplete manuscripts (unrefined texts, incomplete figures and tables, inappropriate citations, etc.) and manuscripts with research misconduct shown in Appendix-A.

**Date of reception :** The date of reception is the date on which the JLS office receives your manuscript and reads its contents. The corresponding author will be notified by EM via e-mail of successful reception of the manuscript within a few days. Please notify the JLS office if you don't receive a notification from EM within a few days.

**Date of acceptance :** The date of acceptance is the date on which a designated editor receives the accepted manuscript.

**9. Peer review process :** The Editorial Board will select peer reviewers who are familiar with the field of work relevant to the manuscript which conforms to the submission requirements and the manuscript category. Opinions provided by reviewers are returned to the Editorial Board, which will then decide whether to accept or reject the manuscript for publication. The number of reviewers is indicated in Table 1. Manuscripts will be reviewed according to the category in which submission is made. Hence, authors should be careful to choose the manuscript category that best describes their manuscript and correctly identify this category at the time of submission. If the manuscript category is inappropriate, the Editorial Board can suspend the peer review process and require authors to change the category. The authors are requested to respond to the comments compiled by the Editorial Board within 45 days for manuscripts designated as original articles or research notes and within 30 days for other papers. The Editorial Board may suspend the review process, if not contacted by the submitter within the specified time frame.

## 10. Discussions (Debates)

All published articles are open for interactive discussions. Any comments or questions regarding the published article can be submitted within 6 months of the article's publication date. The manuscript will be reviewed by a reviewer and then sent to the authors of the original article, who will be given the opportunity to reply. After being reviewed, the authors' reply will be published together with the discussion note. Debates on a given article are limited to one round. If no reply is submitted by the original authors, only the discussion note will be published,

marked as “no reply.”

#### 11. Copyright

Published manuscripts become the sole property of the Japan Landslide Society. In some cases, however, authors might be able to reproduce their own figures, tables and images. Contact the JLS office for detailed information.

#### 12. Reprints and Payment of Publishing fees

Publishing fees of the article and reprints are shown in

Appendix-C. The bank account information for the payment is given in Appendix-D.

**13. Contact:** For questions about manuscript submission and/or the editorial process, please contact the JLS office (contact details below).

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Japan Landslide Society Website

<https://japan.landslide-soc.org/>

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**Table 1 : Types of contribution, limitations on pages, length of abstract, and number of key words, authors, and reviewers.**

Types of contribution	Pages	Abstract (words)	Key words	Authors	Reviewers
Lead article	8 (Max.16)	150-500	2-5	4	2
Original article	8 (Max.16)	150-500	2-5	10	2
Research note	6 (Max.10)	150-500	2-5	10	2
Review	8 (Max.16)	150-500	2-5	4	2
Technical report	6 (Max.12)	—	2-5	10	2
General remark	4 (Max. 8 )	—	—	2	1
Discussions	4 (Max. 8 )	—	—	4	2
News	4	—	—	10	1
Lecture, tutorial, series, forum, symposium highlights	4	—	—	—	1
Book review	1	—	—	2	1

Appendix-A : Examples of research misconduct

Fabrication	This is making up data or results and recording or reporting them.
Falsification	This is manipulating research materials, equipment, processes, changing or omitting data and results such that the research is not accurately represented in the research record.
Plagiarism	This is the appropriation of another person's ideas, data, research methods or processes, results, or words without giving appropriate credit.
Duplicate submission	This refers to the practice of submitting the same study to two journals or reporting the exact same data in two or more publications.
Copyright infringement (piracy)	This is the usage of works protected by copyright law without permission from the copyright holder. As copyrights are generally attributed to academic societies or publishers, authors are required to obtain permission from the copyright holder.
Salami publication or segmented publication	The 'slicing' of research that would form one meaningful paper into several different papers is called 'salami publication' or 'segmented publication'. As a general rule, as long as the 'slices' of a segmented study share the same hypotheses, population and methods, this is not acceptable practice.
Gift authorship	This is a practice in which senior or authority in research are listed as co-authors despite having little contribution to the work involved in publishing original researches. For example, project managers or representatives who have little involvement in the research work should not be listed to the authors and should be stated in the Acknowledgments.

Appendix-B : Cases that are not considered duplicate submissions

Case	Example
Manuscripts and/or reports that are intended for limited audience and/or readers	-Closed study which is not open to public -Report for Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research -Report for contracted business
Manuscripts that only describe a summary of an entire document	-Proceedings for an academic conference
Author's own academic dissertation	
Papers intended for presentation at a symposium hosted by JLS	
Special cases approved by the Editorial Board	

Appendix-C : Publishing fees

Item	Price (tax included)	Remarks
Unit price/page	3,300 yen/page*	Case within the page limit shown in Table 1
Unit price/extra page	22,000 yen/page*	Case exceeding the page limit shown in Table 1
Unit price/color page	22,000 yen/page*	Adding to unit price/page or unit price/extra page
Reprint unit price	5,500 yen/20 reprinting copies	20 copies/unit

\*33,000yen/article is added in the case the first author is non-member at submission.

\*Discount 50% off for student members, in the case the first author is student member at submission.

Appendix-D : Bank account information for payment

Bank Name	Daiwa Next Bank, Ltd.
Branch No	101
Branch Name	Ebisu
Branch Address	9-1, Marunouchi 1-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan
Account Number	3005515
Account Type	Saving Account
Swift Code	DNEXJPJT
Name of Account holder	The Japan Landslide Society

Please burden bank transfer fee at your expense.

## Author guidelines

### 1. Manuscript components

Depending on the designated category, manuscripts should include the main title, an abstract, keywords, the main text, a reference list, figures, tables and images.

### 2. Formatting and number of pages

(1) Formatting: Manuscripts should be written in either Japanese or English and formatted in two-column, A4 portrait format. Authors are to refer to a template file uploaded on the JLS's Web Site.

(2) Number of pages: The number of pages for a manuscript with appropriate placement of figures, tables, and images in the final publication style is indicated in Table 1. Authors are expected to pay for all pages in excess of these limits. Limits for numbers of pages are also indicated in Table 1.

### 3. Headings

(1) Language: All papers submitted for peer review must be written in Japanese or English.

(2) Main title, authorship, institutions: The first page of all manuscripts should provide the main title and the names and affiliations of authors in both Japanese and English for manuscripts written in Japanese, and in English alone for manuscripts written in English. The first word of the main title should begin with a capital letter. All other words in the title should begin with lower-case letters, except for proper nouns (e. g., Landslides caused by the Mid-Niigata Prefecture Earthquake in 2004). Authors' names in English should be presented as "first name, last name". Names of institutions should not be abbreviated.

(3) Abstract: Abstracts (500 or less words) for manuscripts written in Japanese should be prepared in Japanese and English. For manuscripts written in English, an English abstract should be submitted (see Table 1). The abstract will be inserted in the publication at the beginning of the main text.

(4) Keywords: Two to five key words or key phrases should be provided; these must consist of the minimum number of words needed to guide readers to your paper.

### 4. Main text

(1) Heading styles

First order (chapter)	1. 2. 3.
Second order (section)	1.1 1.2 1.3
Third order (paragraph)	1.1.1 1.1.2 1.1.3
Footnote	*1 *2 *3 *4 *5
References	1) 2) 3) 4) 5)

(2) Beginning of the main text: A line break should be inserted after each heading. A space should be added before the first sentence of each section. Additionally, another line break should precede each chapter number.

(3) Punctuation, parentheses, and footnote and reference numbers should be allocated one grid in a Japanese-style manuscript.

(4) Proper nouns, numbers, equations, and special letters:

- (i) For numbers and measurements, Arabic numerals should be used. Physical quantities should be italicized.

(ii) SI units must be used for all units of measurement.

(iii) Equations must be double spaced. When they are inserted within a sentence, line breaks should be avoided and a form of horizontal fractions is necessary (e.g.  $(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2) f/2$ ).

(iv) When writing out an equation, any special letters used in the equation should be defined when the letter first appears in the text.

(v) Each equation should be numbered in sequential order in parentheses following a dotted line, i. e., "...".

(vi) To avoid confusion between numbers, Roman letters, and Greek letters that are similar in shape, appropriate characters should be used (e. g., O, 0, o).

(vii) Equations, quantities, special letters, and measurement units should contain subscript and superscript text where appropriate. If misinterpretation by readers is possible, additional explanation should be provided.

### 5. Figures, tables and images

(1) Caption numbers: Caption numbers must be included for figures, tables, and images.

(2) Placement: Figures, tables and images should be placed in the main text according to the final publication style. If placement of them in the text is difficult, please mark the position where they should be placed in the final publication and upload them as separate files to EM.

(3) Sizes: Figures, tables and images can be created to fit the width of one column (80mm) or two columns (170mm). The sizes of figures and tables should be determined based on the final publication style. Text should be large enough to read, and ruled lines should be sufficiently thick.

(4) Caption: Captions/titles and explanatory notes for figures and images in original articles, research notes, lead articles, and review papers should be in Japanese and English unless the main text is written in English, in which case only English captions are needed. Titles should be differentiated from explanatory notes to avoid confusion.

(5) Printing: Figures, tables and images are printed in black and white. If color pages are requested, the authors should clearly state them in a submission cover-letter and the final manuscript for publication. For color pages, there will be an additional charge (refer to Appendix-C).

(6) References: When borrowing or reprinting figures, tables, and images from other publications or sources, citations and a reference list must be included.

(7) Copyright and permissions: If necessary, authors should obtain permission from the copyright holder when borrowing copyrighted material from another source. When additions and/or alterations are made to the original material, the submitting authors are responsible for obtaining the necessary consent from the original authors.

### 6. Citations and reference list

(1) In-text citations

Use one of the two formatting styles provided below for in-text citations:

- (i) Insert the authors' names and year of publication (the latter in parentheses) immediately after referring to a previous publication or provide both the name and year of publication

in parentheses at the end of the sentence. When citing multiple sources published by the same authors in the same year, in-text citations should be arranged in order of publication date, with the year of publication being followed by sequential letters of the alphabet (e. g., a, b, c...).

– Examples –

- a) ...in his paper, Yamada (1998)...
- b) According to the Landslide Geology Glossary edited by the Editorial Committee (1998)...
- c) Yamada and Suzuki (2008) pointed out...
- d) Yamada et al. (1993a, 1993b) provided a data set collected for...
- e) ... (Yamada, 1988 ; Suzuki et al., 1995) provided a definition
- f) Yamada and Suzuki (2005) clarified ...
- g) Yamada et al. (2006) claimed ...
- h) presented as... (Yamada, 2001 ; Suzuki et al., 2004)
- (ii) Insert sequential numbers in superscript when referring to material.

– Examples –

- i) ...depends on ... as has been pointed out<sup>1)</sup>.
- j) ...as reported<sup>2), 3)</sup>.
- k) ...Yamada et al. provided<sup>5)–8)</sup> ...

(2) Reference list

All citations in the main text must be included in a reference list at the end of the main text. References should be organized in either alphabetical order of authors' names, if in-text citation style (i) is used, or in numerical order, if citation style (ii) is used. It should be noted that the name of the journal of the Japan Landslide Society is "Landslide" for issues published prior to Volume 39 and "Journal of the Japan Landslide Society" for Volume 40 and subsequent issues.

(3) Internet sources

Authors should be aware that materials obtained from Internet sources may not be available forever. They should therefore be used with caution and should be avoided when a printed alternative exists. For original articles, research notes, and reviews, information obtained from Internet sources should not form the basis of the authors' claims unless the material is obtained from electronically published journals that are available only online. When multiple issues of a journal are cited, the publication date of the issue or other information should be provided to allow readers to identify the exact source of the cited material. Authors must maintain Internet sources for at least the duration of correspondence (six months). Dates of access should be indicated in the reference list.

– Examples –

...according to the Landslide Distribution Database (National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Prevention, 2008).

– Examples –

7) National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Prevention (2008) : Landslide Distribution Database, [http://lsweb1.ess.bosai.go.jp/jisuberi/jisuberi\\_mini/index.asp](http://lsweb1.ess.bosai.go.jp/jisuberi/jisuberi_mini/index.asp) (Date of access, 2008/4/15).

7. Others

(1) "\*" should be used for in-text footnotes, and an explanation should be provided at the bottom of each page. When printed, footnotes will be provided at the end of each chapter.

(2) Authors are allowed to make revisions only once. Additions or alterations are not allowed once the manuscript has been peer reviewed. For English text and abstracts, careful proof-reading is strongly recommended before submission.

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