

# Instructions for Authors

## Manuscript Format

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1. I. Golding, J. Paulsson, S.M. Zawilski, and E.C. Cox. Real time kinetics of gene activity in individual bacteria. *Cell* 123: 1025–1036 (2005).
2. W. Bialek, and S. Setayeshgar. Cooperative sensitivity and noise in biochemical signaling. *Physical Review Letters* 100: 258–263 (2008).
3. R.K. Robert, and C.R.L.Thompson. Forming patterns in development without morphogen gradients: differentiation and sorting. *Cold Spring Harbor Perspectives in Biology* 1(6) (2009).
4. D. Fravel. Commercialization and implementation of biocontrol. *Annual Reviews of Phytopathology* 43: 337359 (2005).

**b. Books**

5. W.R. Luellen. Fine-Tuning Your Writing. *Wise Owl Publishing Company, Madison, WI, USA* (2001).
6. U. Alon, and D.N. Wegner (Ed.). An Introduction to Systems Biology: Design Principles of Biological Circuits. *Chapman & Hall/CRC, Boca Raton, FL, USA* (2006).

**c. Book Chapters**

7. M.S. Sarnthein, and J.D. Stanford. Basal sauropodomorpha: historical and recent phylogenetic developments. In: *The Northern North Atlantic: A Changing Environment*. P.R. Schafer, & W. Schluter (Ed.), *Springer, Berlin, Germany*, pp. 365–410 (2000).
8. J.E. Smolen, and L.A. Boxer. Functions of Europhiles. In: *Hematology*, 4th ed. W.J. Williams., E. Butler and M.A. Litchman (Ed.), *McGraw Hill, New York, USA*, pp. 103–101 (1991).

**d. Reports**

9. M.D. Sobsey, and F.K. Pfaender. Evaluation of the H2S method for Detection of Fecal Contamination of Drinking Water, Report WHO/SDE/WSH/02.08, *Water Sanitation and Health Programme, WHO, Geneva, Switzerland* (2002).

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