

## Topics and article types

We accept manuscripts on structural pest control topics related to the United States of America in two major categories:

1. Technical articles: For professional audiences and, to a lesser extent, for anyone needing advanced information on pest control topics. These articles may include pest management recommendations, field/lab demonstration experiments (e.g., where products/methods are compared with no replications or statistical analysis), case studies, etc. **The article must deliver new insight into the science of pest control or cover less understood or misunderstood topics and not just repeat obvious and well-known facts.**
2. Research articles: For professional and academic audiences or anyone with an interest in scientific information. These articles may include results from surveys and needs assessment studies. The articles must provide brand-new data (quantitative or qualitative) for the science.

## Content

Submitted articles must have the followings:

- Single-spaced lines
- Title
- Short description (<150 characters) for web production
- All figures and tables must have a caption.
- When referring to unpublished data, authors must cite the source in one of the following ways:
  - Unpublished data
    - Example: “Argentine ants do not readily feed on bait X. (Unpublished data).”
  - Personal communication
    - Example: “Argentine ants do not readily feed on bait X. (John Smith, personal communication).”
- All figures and tables must have a caption
- Acknowledgments (if applicable)
- Technical articles specific requirements:
  - Suggested length: <3000 words
  - Section titles
  - Technical articles must cite at least **three** articles from peer-reviewed journals, extension, or other technical articles.
  - References Cited in alphabetical order using APA style
- Research articles:
  - Suggested length: <4000 words

- Abstract (<500 characters)
- Keywords (up to 4)
- Introduction
- Materials and Methods
- Results
- Conclusions
- References Cited in alphabetical order using APA style

## Language

- English

## Images

All the submitted images must be in focus and preferably 300 dpi in resolution. We accept the following image formats: PNG, JPEG, and GIF.

## Measurements

- Technical articles
  - Customary units (e.g., inch, foot, yard, pound, ounce) must be followed by metric units in parenthesis. Example: “Queen termites are usually ½ inch (1.25 cm) long”.
- Research articles
  - Should be in metric units. Example: “Queen termites are usually 1.25 cm long”

## Acceptable file types

- Microsoft Word .doc or .docx files

## Plagiarism

We have a strict policy against plagiarism. All submitted manuscripts are checked for plagiarism manually and by using automated software. Authors must rephrase and paraphrase their manuscript when incorporating the work of others, ensuring that proper credit is given through citation. Any manuscript found to have plagiarized content, whether through direct copying or insufficient paraphrasing, will be rejected. Authors are responsible for ensuring that their work is original and properly cites references. Any form of plagiarism, including self-plagiarism, will not be tolerated and may result in the rejection of the manuscript.

## How to cite Pest Tactic articles

Example of APA style citation:

- Taravati, S., McDonald, C. (2023). The false chinch bug as a structural pest in Southern California. *Pest Tactic Journal*, 2(1), 1-8

Available citation data for Pest Tactic Journal:

- Author(s)
- Year
- Title
- Volume
- Issue
- Pages

## Submission fee: \$150

The submission fee covers our editorial fees, PDF and web production, web development and maintenance, and website hosting services.

## Submission

Please submit a Microsoft Word doc of your manuscript to the editor:  
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### Biography

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### Biography

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