Digital Art Guidelines

These guidelines are intended to aid our authors in providing figures that will reproduce well in both print and online media. Submitting digital image files that conform to ACTA HISTOCHEMICA ET CYTOCHEMICA's Digital Art Guidelines will help to prevent delays in the review and publication processes, and maximize the published quality of your figures.

General Specifications

Figures intended for color must be saved in RGB.

Figures intended for grayscale or black and white must be saved in Grayscale format.

Figures and panels intended as single composites must be supplied as a single file.

Image Manipulation

Submitted images should accurately reflect the original data. No specific feature within an image may be enhanced, obscured, moved, removed, or introduced. Adjustments of brightness, contrast, or color balance are acceptable only if they are applied to the whole image, and do not alter the interpretation of the original image, including the background. Non-linear adjustments (e.g. changes to the gamma settings) to the whole image are acceptable as long as they are clearly disclosed in the figure legend.

If evidence of inappropriate image manipulation is detected by the journal, the Editors might ask to see the original data, which the authors must make available.

Supported Software

ACTA HISTOCHEMICA ET CYTOCHEMICA can process Digital Art made with the following programs:

* Microsoft PowerPoint, Word, and Excel

* Adobe Photoshop, InDesign, PDF, and Illustrator

If a program is not listed here, then ACTA HISTOCHEMICA ET CYTOCHEMICA does not support figures saved in its format. For unsupported software, the figure must be saved in a non-proprietary format (TIFF, Bitmap, EPS, or PDF).

PDFs should be produced at 'Press Quality' setting from the source program. PDFs cannot be *Photoshop* PDFs.

Sizing

The maximum printed size for illustrations is 17.5 cm wide by 22.0 cm tall.

The single column width is 8.5 cm, one and one-half column width 12.0 cm, and two column width 17.5 cm. Any figures larger than this will be reduced to fit in these dimensions.

Labeling

Figures including graphs should be numbered sequentially in Arabic numerals (Fig. 1, Fig. 2, etc.); if the figure has several parts, use capital roman letters (Fig. 1A, 1B, etc.).

The only fonts used in labeling are Times, Times New Roman, and Arial. Other fonts cannot be guaranteed to reproduce properly.

Photographs must include a scale marker.

Figure Types

* Continuous-tone Image
    Minimum resolution: 300 DPI
    Preferred File Formats: TIFF, Bitmap
* Line-art Image
    Minimum resolution: 1000 DPI
    Preferred File Formats: PDF, EPS, PowerPoint, Illustrator
*Combination Image
    Minimum resolution: 1000 DPI
    Preferred File Formats: PDF, EPS, PowerPoint, Illustrator