

## **1 Letters to the Editor**

### **1.1 Introduction**

The Tanzania Journal of Science and Technology (TJST) welcomes Letters to the Editor as a means of encouraging scholarly discussion and post-publication engagement within the scientific community in and beyond Tanzania. The Letters provide an opportunity for readers to comment on articles published in TJST, discuss scientific issues relevant to the journal's scope, or present **concise viewpoints** supported by evidence.

### **1.2 Scope**

The letters may include the following items:

1. Comments on or critiques of articles recently published in TJST
2. Clarification of scientific or methodological issues raised in published work
3. Alternative interpretations of previously published results
4. Brief scholarly perspectives on emerging issues or developments in science and technology

The Letters should maintain a **professional and constructive tone** and should focus on scientific arguments rather than personal criticism. Contributions addressing the issues outlined in **item 4 above** are particularly encouraged.

### **1.3 Review Process**

The Letters are reviewed by the editorial team. When a Letter comments on a previously published article, the authors of the original article may be invited to submit a response. Where appropriate, the letter and the response may be published together at the discretion of the Editor.

### **1.4 Format and Length**

- Maximum length: 1000 words
- References: Up to 10
- Figures or tables: Maximum of 1
- Authors: Preferably not more than 4
- Abstract: Not required

in case of comments on or critiques of articles, the Letters should clearly identify the article being discussed and provide appropriate citations where necessary.

## **2 Short Communications**

The Tanzania Journal of Science and Technology (TJST) publishes Short Communications to rapidly disseminate concise but significant scientific findings that warrant prompt publication. Short Communications present original research results that **are complete** but limited in scope and do not require the length of a full research article.

## **2.1 Scope**

Short Communications may include:

- Preliminary but important research findings of immediate scientific relevance
- Novel techniques, methods, or analytical approaches
- Significant observations from field or laboratory studies
- New datasets or experimental insights that contribute to the advancement of science and technology

Submissions should present clear and scientifically sound results and demonstrate their relevance to the journal's scope.

## **2.2 Review Process**

Short Communications undergo the same peer-review process as full research articles, typically involving at least two independent reviewers. The editorial office aims to provide a timely review process in order to facilitate the rapid communication of important findings.

## **2.3 Format and Length**

- Maximum length: 2,500 words
- Abstract: 150–200 words
- Figures and tables: Maximum of 3–4
- References: Up to 20

Suggested structure:

- Abstract
- Introduction
- Materials and Methods
- Results and Discussion (combined or separate)
- Conclusion

Short Communications should present clear and concise results and avoid unnecessary elaboration.

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