

# 1. Categories and Criteria of Papers in the Journal of the Society of Cosmetic Chemists of Japan (Journal of SCCJ)

Category	Originals	Short Communications	Materials	Reviews
Criteria	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The paper has novelty, originality or usefulness, or has high potential for future development.</li> <li>As a scientific article, the point of argument is logical and coherent.</li> <li>The paper has reliability and a high level of completion as a scientific article.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Although the research or data is partial and does not satisfy the criteria for Originals, the paper has novelty, originality or usefulness, or has high potential for future development.</li> <li>The point of argument is logical and coherent.</li> <li>The paper has reliability.</li> </ol> <p>(An abstract of a SCCJ research symposium rearranged in the form of an article can be submitted.)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Although not satisfying the criteria for Originals or Short Communications, the paper includes new facts, valuable data, or significant data obtained from survey or experimental research.</li> <li>The paper has high relevance as a report of experimental result.</li> </ol>	A paper that systematizes the development of academic or technological knowledge.
Manuscript structure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction</li> <li>Materials and Methods</li> <li>Results</li> <li>Discussion</li> <li>Conclusion</li> <li>References</li> </ol>	Same as for Originals	Same as for Originals	—
Approximate length	<p>English abstract : 200–300 words</p> <p>Japanese abstract : not more than 500 characters (only for Japanese paper)</p> <p>The template of the Journal of SCCJ may be used.</p>	<p>English abstract : 200–300 words</p> <p>Japanese abstract : not more than 400 characters (only for Japanese paper)</p> <p>Not more than 5 printed pages</p> <p>For Japanese paper, use the template of the Journal of SCCJ.</p> <p>For English paper, the template of the Journal of SCCJ may be used.</p>	<p>As for Short Communications. Discussion and conclusion may be omitted.</p> <p>The template of the Journal of SCCJ may be used.</p>	The template of the Journal of SCCJ may be used.
Peer review	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Points of review	A scientific article that satisfies the above criteria and the Guidelines for Criteria in the next section, and passes the check sheet at peer review.	Peer review is based on the above criteria and the Guidelines for Criteria in the next section but regardless of the degree of completion, in consideration of the fragmentary data and the possibility of future submission.	Introduction of data, contents with abundant promotional elements, etc.	—

## 2. Guidelines for Criteria

### ○ Novelty, originality, usefulness, potential for development

- The same contents or very similar contents have not been published previously.
- The concepts and methods adopted, and the facts and theories, etc. discovered are novel.
- The paper provides useful information that has technological and academic value.
- Even still at an early stage, the research is based on novel concepts and ideas, and has potential for future development.
- Even the paper reports improvement of known methods or applications from other fields, it satisfies the above criteria.

### ○ Coherence of argument

- The purpose is clear, and the background including prior research has been thoroughly considered.
- The rationale, point of argument, research methods, materials, etc. are reasonable and there is no gap in the argument.
- The problem to be solved as written in the purpose is clearly stated in the results and conclusion.

### ○ Reliability of the paper

- Experimental methods and experimental materials are clearly described, and allow reproduction of the findings if conducted according to the descriptions.
- The interpretation of data is objective.
- Clear evidence (data) and literature relevant to the content claimed are presented.

### ○ Degree of completion of the paper

- Verifiable or reasonable results and conclusions are obtained for a defined theme of study, and the paper are completed in the single paper being submitted.

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