

Paper Length Calculation Form*

(Typeset Model 3: trimsize 192×262 mm; text area 161×202 mm, 48 lines, 1 or 2 columns)

The following guidelines can be used to estimate the approximate length of an article:

An average article opening (title up to and including the abstract) is 1/2 a page (depending of course on the number of authors and affiliations. Approximately 5 authors per line and 1 line for each affiliation). Examples can be found in the journal.

A journal page with only typeset text contains about 750 words.

A 1-column figure takes up about 1/5 page (a 1-column figure consisting of several subfigures takes up about 1 column (=1/2 page)), a 2-column figure about 1/2 a page (a 2-column figure of several subfigures takes up about 2/3 page up to 1 page or more) depending of course on the size and details of the figure.

A 1-column table takes up about 1/5 page (depending of course on the number of entries; 5 entries is equivalent to approximately 4 lines normal text), a 2-column table takes up about 1/2 a page.

A 1-line free-standing equation is equivalent to about 30 words (or approximately 4 lines).

The space taken up by a figure can be estimated by reducing its size to the width of 1 column (7.5 cm) and then see if the figure is still legible. If not, the legends to the axes and the lettering should be enlarged, so the figure still fits in 1 column. If this is not possible the figure should be placed in two columns (maximum width 16 cm).

We recommend you to take a look at the journal, since this gives a good indication regarding the layout of the title page, figures and tables.

For further information on electronic manuscripts see the Instructions to authors in the journal itself or on the home page of the journal on the web: <http://www.elsevier.nl/locate/xxxx> (see also the Guide for Electronic Submission of Manuscripts)

*Note: The Paper Length Calculation Form only gives an estimate of the expected paper length. For very short papers (less than 3—4 printed pages) a more accurate method should be used.