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**Submission of original papers, reviews, short communications and clinical case reports**

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**1. Aims and scope**

- To disseminate knowledge for sustainable use of camelids for food and other human need.
- Camelid Science is a peer-reviewed journal that publishes original and review articles focussing on camelid (camels, alpacas, llamas, vicunas and guanaco) sciences. The areas of interest are anatomy, physiology, nutrition, genetics, production, reproduction, management and diseases.
- Timely review articles will be considered. They should focus on any aspects concerning camelids. The articles should present comprehensive, critical summaries of current knowledge in the field and should not be limited to a discussion of the author's work.
- The journal is aimed to foster communication and collaboration among scientists working in research institutes, universities, governmental institutions or nongovernmental organisations, private firms and the pharmaceutical industry.
- Hard copy and on-line journal will be published twice a year (June and December).

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- Manuscripts should be written in English (British English). Authors whose native language is not English are strongly advised to have their manuscripts checked by an English-speaking colleague prior to submission.
- Original papers (full papers) should report the results of original research. The material should not have been previously published or submitted for publication elsewhere except for short communications and abstracts in conferences. Full paper must contain the following sections: Title page, Abstract and Keywords, Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results, Discussion, and Literature Cited followed by Figures Legends, Figures, and tables.

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- Review articles should cover subjects falling within the scope of the journal.

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- The standard procedure for submitting a paper to Journal of Camelid Science is to send one single WORD format file of the article to the editorial office by email at: [r.aliassim@uq.edu.au](mailto:r.aliassim@uq.edu.au). The manuscript must be accompanied with a cover letter containing the full address, including the e-mail address of all authors. Possible reviewers not members of the editorial board should be suggested.

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- Manuscripts are examined initially by section editors for their appropriateness to the journal. Those that do not match the scope of the JCS or conform to its style and form guidelines will be rejected without review. Other manuscripts are sent to a minimum of 2 experts chosen by the section editor or editor-in-chief. The identity of peer reviewers is kept confidential.
- Only papers of high quality and novelty and of general significance are published. Field studies, short notes and negative studies will be published only if they provide a substantial scientific contribution.
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The title page should include the following: the title of the article, which should be concise but explicit, the surname and forenames (in full) of each author, the department and institution where the study was carried out, e-mail address of the corresponding author (this author being identified by an asterisk).

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### **Article** (all authors must be mentioned):

Bengoumi M., Faye B., De La Farge F., 1997. Clinical enzymology in the dromedary camel (*Camelus dromedarius*). Part II. Effect of season, age, sex, castration, lactation and pregnancy on serum AST, ALT, GGT, AP and LDH activities. J. Camel Pract. Res., 4, 25-29

### **Book**

Faye B., 1997. Guide de l'élevage du dromadaire. Ed. Sanofi, Libourne, France, 126 pp.

### **Chapter in a book**

Wangoh J., Farah Z., 2004. Methods for quality control. In: Milk and meat from the camel. Z.Farah and A. Fisher (Eds). Vdf Hochschulverlag AG publ., Zürich (Switzerland), 51-65

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### **Proceedings (peer refereed proceedings only)**

Vias G., Pacholek X., Daouda H., Faye B., 2002. Camel traction in Niger: between tradition and modernity. Proc. of 53th EAAP-FEZ meeting: "working animals in agriculture and transport". Cairo (Egypt), 1-4 sept. 2002, EEAP Technical series n°6, 201-207.

## **Thesis**

Essamadi A.K., 2000. Etude du métabolisme des oligo-éléments (cuivre, zinc et sélénium) chez le dromadaire (*Camelus dromedarius*). Thèse en biochimie. Université Chaouaib Doukkali, El Jadida (Maroc).

## **Electronic material**

Faye B., 2002. Dromedary camels. In : Animal Health and Production Compendium. CDRom CAB International, Wallingford, UK.

## **Websites**

Antoine-Moussiaux A., Faye B., Vias G., 2006. Connaissances ethnovétérinaires des pathologies camélines dominantes chez les Touaregs de la région d'Agadez (Niger). <http://camelides.cirad.fr>

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