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1. Acceptable Article Types

AIH accepts articles related to hydrology that fall under one or more of the following categories:

1. **Research articles** present research questions, methods, analysis, and discussion based on the author's original research. A research article may summarize work published elsewhere provided the fact of prior publication is conspicuously disclosed in the article.
2. **Case Study articles** focus on original work performed by the author in a case study setting. These articles are distinguished from research articles by their place- or project-specific nature.
3. **Opinion articles** the author's opinions regarding a topic.

[Email AIH](#) if you are unsure about your article type or if it does not fit into one of these categories.

2. Length of Articles

AIH accepts articles between 250 to 1,200 words long.

3. Structure of Article

AIH recommends that submitted articles contain the following elements or some variation thereof for Research and Case Study articles. Opinion articles need not follow the recommended format.

Component	Guidelines
Title and Authors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title should clearly describe the contents of the article • All authors' names and, if applicable, affiliations should be listed
Key point(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-3 points that convey the main point and/or conclusion of the article
Abstract	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less than 250 words long • Should sufficiently introduce the nature of investigation and conclusions
Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearly state the problem and its relevance • Pose research questions and/or state the objectives of this paper
Method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accurately explain the methodology followed • Present sufficient information for others to replicate the research
Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address the research questions and/or objectives posed in the Introduction • Clearly laid out in an organized fashion
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the results in the context of the research questions and/or objective posed in the Introduction (i.e., "So what?") • If applicable, address limitations of the study
Conclusion/Concluding Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summarize key findings and take-home message • If applicable, describe next steps and/or future research efforts



References	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• See Section Error! Reference source not found. below
Acknowledgements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acknowledge relevant funding and/or collaborators not included as co-authors
Tables, Figures, Images	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Include tables and figures relevant to the subject matter• Should be easy to read, interpret, and understand

4. Citing Your Sources

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Articles submitted to the AIH Bulletin should follow the APA style for in-text citation as well as the references list (see *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, Sixth Edition*).

Examples and guidance on the APA citation style are easily available online; for example:

<https://library.concordia.ca/help/citing/apa.php>

5. Grammar and Style

The AIH Bulletin is read by a diverse group of academic and practicing professionals as well as students. Articles should be written simply and clearly so that they are understandable to most readers.

Prior to submission, authors should check articles for accuracy of spelling and grammar. Use of American spellings is preferred. Submissions with an unreasonable number of spelling or grammatical mistake may be rejected on that basis.

When in doubt about grammar or punctuation, authors should follow the APA manual referenced above.

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