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"Quality": Journal of the Japanese Society for Quality Control Instructions for Contributors

1. Requirements for Submission

Only members, honorary members and associate members of the Japanese Society for Quality Control (JSQC) may submit manuscripts to the Journal "Quality." The content of the manuscript should be related to quality or quality control. The manuscript should neither be published nor be submitted for publication elsewhere. In case the manuscript is written by multiple authors, the first author of the manuscript should be a member, an honorary member or an associate member of JSQC.

2. Categories for Manuscripts

Categories for manuscripts are as follows:

1) Contributed Paper

A complete research paper which contains an original theory or an application of quality or quality control.

2) Technical Research Paper

A research paper which contains valuable new facts concerning methodology or its application to quality or quality control.

3) Survey and Field Study Paper

A survey or field study paper which presents valuable information about quality or quality control obtained through methods such as experiments or surveys.

4) Applied Research Paper

A research paper which contains insights about quality or quality control obtained through case study research. A case study of a single department or a process is also acceptable.

5) Discussion Paper

A paper which contains a proof or a demonstration of an original proposition concerning methods of quality or quality control or of new insights into the concepts of quality or quality control. Propositions may be related to either traditional methods or concepts of quality or quality control.

6) Preliminary Research Paper

A paper which declares the potential of innovation for quality or quality control and is worth dissemination in a timely manner. The submitted paper is limited to the extended version of the oral presentation in the JSQC technical conferences within one year dated back from the first submission of Preliminary Research Paper.

7) Quality Report

A report which contains beneficial information concerning quality or quality control, for example, a case study on new subjects, or a story about an effective management method, or a story about a hit product, or the state of implementation of quality control in foreign countries.

8) Letter

A suggestion or a criticism to an article published in the Journal "Quality."

9) QC Salon

A suggestion or a proposal suitable for communication among the members of JSQC.

3. Instructions for Manuscripts

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(1) Language

The manuscript should be written in Japanese or English. In the case of Japanese, the manuscript should be written according to the Japanese instructions for contributors.

(2) Format

The manuscript should be written on JIS A4 size paper.

(3) Submission of manuscript

Necessary documents and their order are shown below. No copies will be returned to the author(s). Only photo copies of the manuscript are to be submitted. The original manuscript should be kept by the author(s).

(a) Contributed Paper, Technical Research Paper, Survey and Field Study Paper, Applied Research Paper, Discussion Paper:

Submit four copies of the following documents in this order by post only; Cover(1), Cover(2), Japanese abstract (not mandatory), English abstract, English keywords, Text (including references), Figures and Tables.

Cover(1) and Cover(2) should be written using Document 313-1-II and 313-2-II. Japanese abstract, English abstract and English keyword should be on one page. Figures and tables should be submitted in order of appearance in a separate document from the text. The position of each table/figure should be clearly labelled in the text.

(b) Preliminary Research Paper:

Submit the pdf or the word files of the following documents in this order by e-mail only; Cover(1), Cover(2), Japanese abstract (not mandatory), English abstract, English keywords, Text (including references), Figures, Tables and the related manuscript published in the proceeding of the JSQC technical conference.

Cover(1) and Cover(2) should be written using Document 313-1-II and 313-2-II. Japanese abstract, English abstract and English keyword should be on one page. Figures and tables should be submitted in order of appearance in a separate document from the text. The position of each table/figure should be clearly labelled in the text. The related manuscript published in the proceeding of the JSQC technical conference should be submitted by the scanned pdf file.

(c) Quality Report, Letter, QC Salon

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Text should be written within the maximum number of pages which are determined by the category for manuscripts chosen by the author(s). It should be observed strictly especially when the author(s) first submit the paper to the editorial board. If the final version of the paper exceeds the limitation of the pages, authors should pay ¥15,000 per page for the processing cost.

(a) Contributed Paper, Technical Research Paper, Survey and Field Study Paper, Applied Research Paper, Discussion Paper, Preliminary Research Paper

- 10 pages (approximately 870 lines, 10 words per line)
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 - 6 pages (approximately 510 lines, 10 words per line)
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 - 2 pages (approximately 150 lines, 10 words per line)

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Table1. Conversion table for size to the number of lines

Width(cm)	Height(cm)	Lines	Width(cm)	Height(cm)	Lines
7	5	12	15	5	24
	10	23		10	46
	15	33		15	66
	20	44		20	88

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The references should be listed in alphabetical order of authors' names using the following format.

- [1] Ishikawa, K.(1981): Japanese way of Quality Control, Nikkagiren Shuppan, Tokyo (in Japanese).
- [2] Kano, N., Seraku, N., Takahashi, F. and Tsuji S. (1984) "Attractive quality and must-be quality", Quality (Hinshitsu, Journal of the Japanese Society for Quality Control), 14, 39-48 (in Japanese).
- [3] Shewhart, W.A.(1931): The Economic Control of Quality of a Manufactured Product, D.Van Nostrand Co., New York.
- [4] Shindo, H. (1993): "Generalization of Quality Table Concept as a Method of System Description and its Structuralization Based on Near Decomposability," Quality (Hinshitsu, Journal of the Japanese Society for Quality Control), 23, 299-308 (in Japanese).
- [5] Toyota Motor Corporation (2015), "Message from the President", <http://www.toyota-global.com/sustainability/csr/message/>, accessed 2015-11-23.

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- The author(s) may be asked to submit the references listed in the manuscript by the editorial board. In such a case, references should be sent as fast as possible.

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- Titles and explanation of figures and tables must be written in the same language as the text.

- Title and explanation should be made easy to understand what they show without referring to the text.
- Figures and tables must be numbered respectively, such as Figure 1 and Table 1.
- In case of more than six figures, the author(s) will be charged extra printing costs.
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- Equation numbers must be shown in the parentheses at the right margin.
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6. Screening Process

Details of the screening process are as follows:

a) Contributed Paper, Technical Research Paper, Survey and Field Study Paper, Applied Research Paper, Discussion Paper:

Decisions on manuscripts for publication will be made by the editorial board with the advices from at least two referees.

b) Preliminary Research Paper

Decisions on manuscripts for publication will be made by the Chief Editor and the assigned editor with the advices from at least two referees.

c) Quality Report, Letter, QC Salon

Decisions on manuscripts for publication will be made by the editorial board.

- The editorial board may require revision of a manuscript. All revision must be submitted within three months. If the revised manuscript is not received at JSQC within three months, the revised submitted manuscript will be treated as a new submission.
- For Preliminary Research Paper, if the manuscript can not be judged as “accept” or “minor revision” at the third review, the manuscript will be judged as “reject” by the editorial board.
- The revised manuscript must include a response to each critique by the editorial board.
- In case of submission from Japan, the date of receipt of a manuscript is judged by the date JSQC

receives the manuscript. In case of submission from foreign countries, the date of receipt is judged by the date the manuscript is post marked.

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- The author(s) will be allowed to proofread the manuscript twice.
- Corrections to the manuscript are generally not accepted during the proofreading process.
- The proofread manuscript should be returned to JSQC as soon as possible. The editor will proofread the paper for delay of returning corrected manuscript.

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