

BEFORE START

To ensure publications of high quality and in line with international standards, the Editorial Board of Management has adopted specific rules regarding authorship and COI, ethics and article development guidelines. These are described in detail in the journal's policy. Key points are included in the instructions for authors (how to submit).

By submitting an article, authors confirm their agreement to abide by them.

Therefore, we encourage authors to read them before submitting their articles.

After article submission: if there are any questions about the status of the article pending a decision on acceptance for publication, please contact the Editor via the electronic system.

PREPARATION OF THE PUBLICATION

Authors are kindly requested to follow the recommendations given:

A. Manuscript Types

1. **Research articles.** These include original research results in the fields of management and quality sciences and economics and finance. Articles should be preceded by a thorough review of source materials, on the basis of which the research gap is distinguished. Its filling is carried out on the basis of the empirical analyses carried out. A scientific article consists of an introduction, literature review, research methodology, presentation of results, discussion and conclusion.
2. **Review articles.** They summarize the current state of knowledge in the fields of management and quality sciences and economics and finance. They report on leading authors in a particular field of knowledge, important discoveries, significant research gaps, current discussions or directions for new research. There are two types of review articles:
 - systematic review of the literature - they answer a specific research question, can be based on meta-analysis.
 - narrative reviews - they are not as structured as systematic review articles. They tend to be qualitative in nature, and authors should clearly indicate the sources of data, key words, the time frame of the analyses conducted and the types of studies to which they are limited.
3. **Methodology articles** - cover by their subject matter the various methodological approaches used in management and quality sciences and economics and finance. They indicate by overview what research methods can be used in the mentioned scientific disciplines. They encourage innovative approaches in research and facilitate the transfer of research methods between different areas of knowledge.

B. Structure of the article

Abstract

Provides a description of the content of the article. Indicates the issue analysed, the research problem, the purpose of the research, the methods used, the main results and the conclusions formulated.

The abstract is in a structured form and includes the following points:

- Research background and purpose
- Design/methodology/approach
- Findings
- Value added and limitations

The volume of the abstract is max. 350 words.

Keywords

Words relating to the article, expressing its essence. They make it possible to categorize the content of the article and thus help interested people to search for it.

Maximum number of 5 words.

JEL Classification

Journal of Economic Literature Code Classification is a subject classification developed by the Journal of Economic Literature. It is mainly used to classify scientific articles.

Available at: <https://www.aeaweb.org/jel/guide/jel.php>

Introduction

The introduction should delineate the research context - establish its significance, articulate the research objectives, and identify both the research gap and corresponding research questions.

The rationale for topic selection encompasses the author's motivation for pursuing the particular research area. For instance, the COVID-19 pandemic has created an opportunity to re-examine employee motivation dynamics, particularly in light of the widespread transition to remote work. The research gap emerges through a comprehensive literature review. This review process identifies pertinent questions that arise within the analytical framework after thorough examination of existing literature. Consequently, the research questions must directly emanate from the analysed literature.

Quality Assurance Checklist:

1. Does the introduction demonstrate the research significance?
2. Are the research objectives explicitly defined?
3. Have the research gap and questions been clearly identified?
4. Do the research hypotheses emerge logically from the literature review?
5. Is there a succinct overview of the paper structure at the conclusion of the introduction?

Important Note: Research hypotheses can appear in other sections of the paper

Literature review / Theoretical background

The manuscript should be grounded in current literature that reflects the international context of the analysed issue. While research may focus on national economies and entities, the research context (including topic justification, research gap, and conclusions) should incorporate an international perspective to engage readers from various countries.

The author should present the state of knowledge in the area corresponding to the empirical analysis section. This involves identifying previous researchers who have addressed the topic, summarising the conclusions from earlier studies, and positioning the current research within the context of previous analyses.

Quality Assurance Checklist:

1. Is the literature in the paper current?
2. Does the literature demonstrate the international context of the conducted analyses?
3. Does the literature review present the findings from previous research?
4. Has the author positioned their analysis within the context of previous research?
5. Is the literature appropriately synthesised?

Methods

The Methods section should be organised chronologically and specify all stages of the research process. This section must detail the data collection procedures (data sources, selection criteria, research period) along with their limitations. The research methods employed should be described thoroughly to ensure replicability. In this context, this section serves as the foundation for establishing the credibility of research findings and must provide readers with a clear understanding of how conclusions were drawn.

Quality Assurance Checklist:

1. Does the section contain a description of data collection procedures?
2. Is the research method described with sufficient clarity (is it replicable)?
3. Is the choice of research method justified?

Results / Findings

Research findings should be presented in a detailed and objective manner, focusing on reporting without extensive interpretation. Results should be presented in order of importance, beginning with those that address the main research questions.

Quality Assurance Checklist:

1. Are the research findings discussed in detail?
2. Is the line of reasoning presented in this section clear?

Discussion

This section provides a broader interpretation and context for the findings. Results should be compared with the authors' initial predictions and examined alongside existing research in the field. Any unexpected findings should be explained, highlighting how they either support or challenge current theories.

Quality Assurance Checklist:

1. Have the findings been thoroughly interpreted?

2. Have the results been compared with existing research?
3. What is the outcome of research hypotheses verification?
4. Has it been indicated how the conducted research contributes to the existing body of knowledge?

Important Note: Integration of Results and Discussion sections is permissible

Conclusions

The Conclusions section should provide a clear summary of the main research findings, along with their theoretical/practical implications, research contribution, limitations and suggestions for future research.

Quality Assurance Checklist:

1. Is there a clear summary of the main findings?
2. Are the theoretical and/or practical implications clearly stated?
3. Is the research contribution clearly explained?
4. Have the research limitations and future research directions been identified?

Acknowledgment

It is possible to include a thank you note or to specify the source of funding for the manuscript. While to ensure anonymity in the review, this information is included when the finished paper is being prepared for publication.

Declaration of Generative AI and AI-assisted technologies in the writing process

Authors are required to declare the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in the process of writing a scientific paper after submission. The use of AI and AI-supported technologies in research must be declared by including an statement when submitting the article:

During the preparation of this work the author(s) used (*name tool / service*) in order to (*reason*). After using this tool/service, the author(s) reviewed and edited the content as needed and take(s) full responsibility for the content of the publication.

References

All sources listed in the References section must be cited within the text of the paper. The journal follows APA style for citations and references. Please include DOI numbers where available. References must be listed alphabetically by author surname. When citing multiple works by the same author, arrange them alphabetically by title.

Checklist

1. Does the reference list conform to APA Style requirements?
2. Do the bibliographic entries include DOI numbers?
3. Are the references arranged in alphabetical order?

Typical manuscript structures:

	Science article	Review article	Methodology article
Abstract	+	+	+
Keywords	+	+	+
JEL Classification	+	+	+
Introduction	+	+	+
Methods	+	+/-	methodology section
Results	+	+/-	discuss your analysis
Discussion	+	+	discuss sampling process
Conclusions	+	+	address research limitations
Concluding summary	-	-	+

"+" - required, "+/-" - optional, "-" - not required.

C. Format

Select the A4 page size by accepting the following margins:

- left and right – 2.5 cm,
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Standard research papers of 7000-9000 words in length, with tables, illustrations and references.

The text of the article should be written in the Microsoft Word text editor: Book Antiqua 10 pts., justified.

Title of the article: Arial 11 pts, bold, do not write in capital letters.

Title of chapters and sub-chapters: Book Antiqua 10 points, bold.

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Do not use headers or footers.

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Do not use indents for paragraphs.

Paragraphs should be divided by intersection using the Enter key.

Do not use the spacebar for indents and paragraphs.

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Table, chart and figure

Every table, chart and figure must have a heading and caption indicating the source of the content

Name of table, drawing or charts: Book Antiqua 9 pts., bolded, centered.

Text in the table: 8 pts., first column align to the left, the rest centered and the text of the table headings bolded.

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Apply drawings made in Word or CorelDraw or Adobe Illustrator (grouped objects).

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Tables and drawings must be in the 125mm/160mm column format.

Write the text of the table with single spacing between lines.

Please attach drawings, diagrams also separately in the submission system as .jpg, .png or .eps files.

EXAMPLES:

Table 1. Write the title of the table here

PKD Symbol	Number of firms	Industry share in a given group(%)	Industry share in both groups (%)
33 Manufacture of instruments and appliances for measuring, testing and navigation; watches and clocks	187	50.00	13.80
24,4 Manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products and pharmaceutical preparations	60	18.72	5.17
32 Manufacture of communication equipment	70	16.04	4.43
30 Manufacture of computers and peripheral equipment	52	13.90	3.84
35,3 Manufacture of air and spacecraft and related machinery	5	1.34	0.37
Total high technology	374	100	27.60

Source: Kowalski 1998, p. 37

Please note that **in English the numbers are separated from their tenths by the "dot"** (see Table 1).



Figure 1. Write the title of the drawing here

Source: own study

References

The journal uses citation and bibliography according to APA.

Positions should be sorted in alphabetical order. The works of the same author should be given in the alphabetical order of the titles of the works.

If the quoted article has a DOI, please put it in the bibliography.

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The basic in-text citation should look as follows:

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Book:

Surname, Initial of the name. (Year). *Book's title*. Publishing house.

Peters, T., & Waterman, R.H. (1982). *In Search of Excellence: Lessons from Americas Best-Run*. Harper & Row.

The book edited by:

Surname, Initial of the name. (Ed.). (Year). *The title of monograph*. Place of publication: Publishing house.

VandenBos, G. R. (Ed.). (2007). *APA dictionary of psychology*. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

Chapter in the collective work:

Surname, Initial of the name. (Year). Title of the paper. In Initial of the name, Surname (Ed.), *Title of monograph* (pp. 1-2). Publishing house. DOI

Theyel, G. (2006). Customer and supplier relations for environmental performance. In J. Sarkis (Ed.), *Greening the Supply Chain* (pp. 139–149). Springer. https://doi.org/10.1007/1-84628-299-3_8.

An article in the journal:

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Sulich, A., & Grudziński, A. (2019). The analysis of strategy types of the renewable energy sector. *Acta Universitatis Agriculturae et Silviculturae Mendelianae Brunensis*, 67(6), 1643–1651. <https://doi.org/10.11118/actaun201967061643>.

Websites

Surname, Initial of the name. (Year, Month day). *Title of document*. The name of the news website/ The site name. <http://URL>

Ghafoor, S., & Mann, R. (2024, January 27). *A Decline in the Number of Countries with a National Business Excellence Award*. Best Practice Improvement Resource. <https://www.bpir.com/a-decline-in-the-number-of-countries-with-a-national-business-excellence-award/>

The name of the organization (A specific a date as possible for the webpage). *Title of document*. <http://URL>

PEPCO S.A. (2023). *Nasza odpowiedzialność*. <https://pepco.pl/nasza-odpowiedzialnosc/>

The name of the website (no date). *Title of document*. The name of website agencies. Retrieved Month Day, Year, from <http://URL>

Kampania 17celów (b.d.). *Agenda 2030*. CSR Consulting. Retrieved December 18, 2024, from: <https://www.nist.gov/baldrige/how-baldrige-works/about-baldrige/baldrige-impacts>

The literature should be written in the original language. The English translation of the titles should be written in square brackets immediately after the title.

Yuliawati, R., & Sukirman, S. (2015). Faktor-faktor yang mempengaruhi pengungkapan corporate social responsibility [Factors influencing corporate social responsibility disclosure]. *Accounting Analysis Journal*, 4(4). <https://doi.org/10.15294/aaj.v4i4.9119>

More information: <https://apastyle.apa.org/blog/transliterated-titles-references>

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References list – examples:

Franken, R.E. (2005). *Psychologia motywacji* [Human motivation]. Gdańskie Wydawnictwo Pedagogiczne

Ghafoor, S., & Mann, R. (2024, January 27). *A Decline in the Number of Countries with a National Business Excellence Award*. Best Practice Improvement Resource. <https://www.bpir.com/a-decline-in-the-number-of-countries-with-a-national-business-excellence-award/>

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