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- (1) Title
- (2) Authors
- (3) Affiliations
- (4) Keywords
- (5) Abstract
- (6) Introduction
- (7) Materials and Methods
- (8) Results
- (9) Discussion
- (10) Conclusions
- (11) Acknowledgments
- (12) References
- (13) Figure and Table Captions

6. First Page

6.1 Title

Capitalize the first letter of each word in the title (excluding prepositions, articles, and conjunctions). Avoid the use of abbreviations in the title.

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Spell out the author's names. Add an asterisk (*) to the end of the corresponding author's name.

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All equations should be written using MathType and numbered on the right side in order. If equations are written using TeX/LaTeX, please provide source files when your manuscript has been accepted for publication.

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Basically, figures are printed in black and white. Complicated graphs should be clearly indicated so that readers can easily distinguish them even in black and white.

7.4 Units

In general, use SI units. Insert spacing between units and values except for “o” and “%”.

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References should be consecutively numbered in the text and should be listed by number. In the body text, each reference should be denoted by the corresponding list number as a superscript. For details, please also refer to Appendix 2 in these guidelines. The following are examples (1 for a journal, 2 and 3 for a book, 4 for proceedings, and 5 for online data).

- 1 K. Umino, M. Habara, and K. Toko: *Sens. Mater.* **24** (2012) 1.
<https://doi.org/10.18494/SAM.2012.764>
- 2 F. Li and A. Nathan: *CCD Image Sensors in Deep-Ultraviolet: Degradation Behavior and Damage Mechanisms* (Springer, Heidelberg, 2005) p. 71.
- 3 W. White: *Introduction to Biosensors*, B. Brown and G. Green, Eds. (MYU K.K., Tokyo, 2018) 2nd ed., Chap. 2.
- 4 M. A. Matin, K. Ozaki, D. Akai, K. Sawada, and M. Ishida: *Proc. 2012 IEEE 62nd Electronic Components and Technology Conf.* (IEEE, 2012) 356.
- 5 XYZ Institution: <http://xyz-institution.com> (accessed April 2010).

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The following abbreviations can be used without definition in the manuscript.

AC, ac	alternating current
AFM	atomic force microscopy
CCD	charge-coupled device
CPU	central processing unit
CVD	chemical vapor deposition
CMOS	complementary metal oxide semiconductor
DNA	deoxyribose nucleic acid
DC, dc	direct current
FET	field-effect transistor
IC	integrated circuit
IR	infrared
IT	information technology
LSI	large-scale integration
LED	light-emitting diode
MEMS	micro-electromechanical systems
MOS	metal oxide semiconductor
NIR	near infrared
NMR	nuclear magnetic resonance
PC	personal computer
RF	radio frequency
RGB	red, green, and blue
RNA	ribonucleic acid
RT	room temperature
SEM	scanning electron microscopy
SD, s.d.	standard deviation
TEM	transmission electron microscopy
USB	universal serial bus
UV	ultraviolet
1D	one-dimensional
2D	two-dimensional
3D	three-dimensional

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Appendix 1 General Notes on Format

Before you submit your revised paper, please ensure that the paper satisfies the following requirements.

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- The full addresses, including zip codes, of authors' affiliations should be given.
- Abbreviations not listed in the Guidelines should be defined at first use in both abstract and text. Once defined, the abbreviations should be used consistently.
- In title and section headings, capitalize the initial letter of each word except for conjunction and preposition, as well as proper nouns, scientific and trade names, and chemical symbols.
- In subsection headings, capitalize only the initial letter of the first word, as well as proper nouns, scientific and trade names, and chemical symbols.
- Leave a space between numerical values and units except for % and ° (angle).
- Use numerical values or ranges in place of expressions such as "few" and "tens of", when possible.
- A serial comma should be placed immediately before "and" in a series of three or more items.**
- Reference numbers should be added after "period" or "comma": for example, "... is shown.⁽²⁾" "As reported in the previous study,⁽¹⁰⁾"
- In the References section, the volume number should be given for journal references and the city of publication should be given for book references.
- In the Reference section, please provide the DOI or URL of each reference if available, which is strongly recommended.**

Appendix 2 Figures, Tables, and References

Notes on preparing figures

- Good examples



(a)



(b)

Fig. 1. Photographs of (a) Lake Onuma and (b) Mt. Akagi.

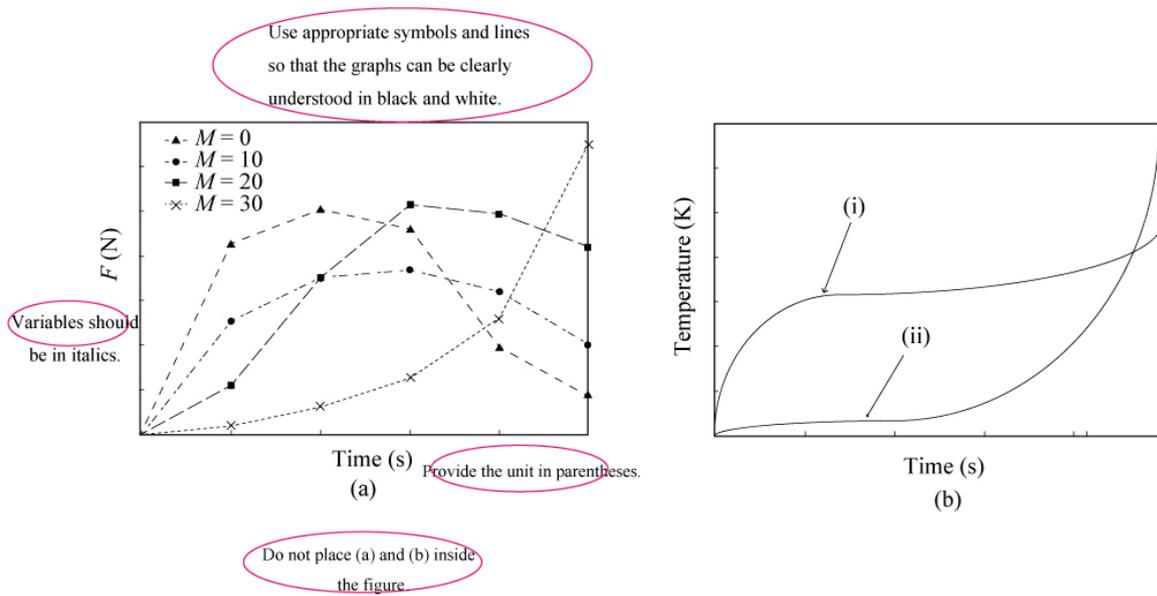


Fig. 2. Time dependences of (a) F and (b) temperature.

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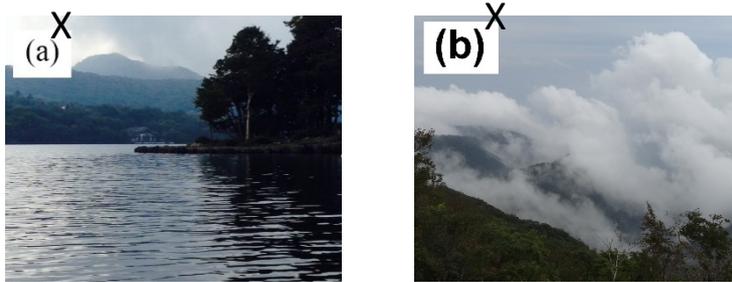


Fig. 1. (a) Lake Onuma and (b) Mt. Akagi.

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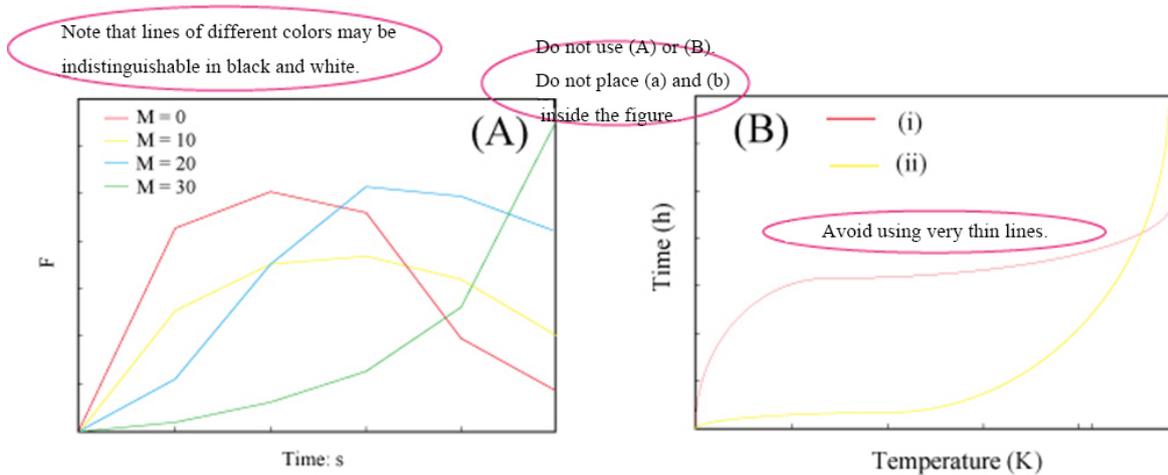


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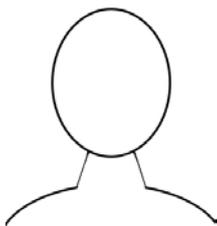
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- Vol. numbers should be in **bold**.
- A serial comma should be placed immediately before "and" in a series of three or more authors.
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