

A Guide for Authors of Manuscripts for the *Journal of the American Oil Chemists' Society*

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Experimental Procedures: Sufficient detail or literature references to such methods to permit other scientists to repeat or extend the experiments.

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