

## Cucurbit Genetics Cooperative Report Author Guidelines

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Please follow the guidelines below when preparing your CGC report:

Refer to the latest Cucurbit Genetics Cooperative Report regarding questions of style not mentioned.

Reports should be submitted as Microsoft WORD files with editing enabled. Use a 10 or 12 pt font, preferably Times New Roman.

Except as indicated below, no formatting should be used. The entire report should be in a single column (the main text will be formatted into two columns by the editor). The report should be single-spaced except as noted below. All text (including the title) should be left-justified.

**Title:** The title should be a precise and concise description of the work. Avoid the use of meaningless words such as "influence of," "effects of," "results of," "studies on," "evaluation of," "factors involved in," and "tests on." Capitalize the first letter of all words except for articles such as "a" and "the," prepositions such as "of," "in," "on," "during," and "between," and conjunctions such as "and" and "with" that are not the first word. Double space between title and by-line.

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Genetic Nomenclature: Names and symbols of genes are subject to the gene nomenclature rules for the Cucurbitaceae. (Robinson et al. 1976. Genes of the Cucurbitaceae. HortScience 11:554-568; CGC Gene List Committee. 1982. Update of cucurbit gene list and nomenclature rules. Cucurbit Genetics Cooperative Report 5:62-66.) Refer to the rules of nomenclature before assigning a name and symbol to a newly described gene in a published report regardless of where it is published. If necessary, consult the CGC Gene List Committee regarding questions of gene names and symbols. Members of the Gene List Committee are listed in the latest CGC Report. *Italicize* gene names and symbols.

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