

# BrJAC Author's Guidelines

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1. Orlando, R. M.; Nascentes, C. C.; Botelho, B. G.; Moreira, J. S.; Costa, K. A.; Boratto, V. H. M. *Anal. Chem.* **2019**, *91* (10), pp 6471-6478 (<https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.analchem.8b04943>).
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### Electronic journals

2. Sapozhnikova, Y.; Hoh, E. *LCGC North Am.* **2019**, *37* (1), pp 52-65. Available from: <http://www.chromatographyonline.com/suspect-screening-chemicals-food-packaging-plastic-film-comprehensive-two-dimensional-gas-chromatogr> [Accessed 20 January 2019].

### Books

3. Burgot, J.-L. *Ionic Equilibria in Analytical Chemistry*. Springer Science & Business Media, New York, **2012**, Chapter 11, p 181.
4. Griffiths, W. J.; Ogundare, M.; Meljon, A.; Wang, Y. Mass Spectrometry for Steroid Analysis. In: Mike, S. L. (Ed.). *Mass Spectrometry Handbook*, v. 7 of Wiley Series on Pharmaceutical Science and Biotechnology: Practices, Applications and Methods. John Wiley & Sons, Hoboken, N.J., **2012**, pp 297-338.

### Standard methods

5. International Organization for Standardization. ISO 26603. *Plastics — Aromatic isocyanates for use in the production of polyurethanes — Determination of total chlorine*. Geneva, CH: ISO, **2017**.

### Master's and doctoral theses or other academic literature

6. Dantas, W. F. C. *Application of multivariate curve resolution methods and optical spectroscopy in forensic and photochemical analysis*. Doctoral thesis, **2019**, Institute of Chemistry, University of Campinas, Campinas, SP, Brazil.

### Patents

7. Trygve, R.; Perelman, G. US 9053915 B2, June 9, **2015**, Agilent Technologies Inc., Santa Clara, CA, US.

### Web pages

8. <http://www.chromedia.org/chromedia> [Accessed 10 January 2019].

### Unpublished source

9. Viner, R.; Horn, D. M.; Damoc, E.; Konijnenberg, A. *Integrative Structural Proteomics Analysis of the 20S Proteasome Complex (WP-25)*. Poster presented at the XXII International Mass Spectrometry Conference (IMSC 2018) / August 26-31, **2018**, Florence, IT.
10. Author, A. A. *J. Braz. Chem. Soc.*, in press.
11. Author, B. B., **2017**, submitted for publication.
12. Author, C. C., **2018**, unpublished manuscript.

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