

# **Submission guidelines for the Journal of Association of Greek Chemists**

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## **Types of Publications**

Original research articles, review articles, perspectives, short communications.

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