

1. Aims

The main aims of the journal are

- To contribute to the providing of scientific communication on geosciences in Turkey and the international community.
- To announce and share the researches in all fields of geoscience studies in Turkey with geoscientists worldwide.
- To announce the scientific researches and practices on geoscience surveys carried out by the General Directorate of Mineral Research and Exploration (MTA) to the public.
- To use the journal as an effective media for international publication exchange by keeping the journal in high quality, scope and format.
- To contribute to the development of Turkish language as a scientific language

2. Scope

At least one of the following qualifications is required for publishing the papers in the *Bulletin of Mineral Research and Exploration*.

2.1. Research Articles

2.1.1. Original Scientific Researches

- This type of articles covers original scientific research and its results related to all aspects of disciplines in geoscience.

2.1.2. Developmental Researches

- The studies using new approaches and methods to solve any problems related to geosciences and/or the researches by using new approaches and methods to solve any problems related to the science of engineering performed in the General Directorate of Mineral Research and Exploration.

2.1.3. Review articles

- This type of papers includes comprehensive scholarly review articles that summarize and critically assess previous geoscience research with a new perspective and it also reveals a new approach.

2.2. Discussion/Reply

- This type of article is intended for discussions of papers that have already been published in the latest issue of the *Bulletin*.
- The discussion/reply type articles that criticize all or a part of a recently published article, are published in the following first issue, if it is submitted within six months after the distribution of the *Bulletin*.
- The discussions are sent to the corresponding author of the original paper to get their reply, before publication. So that, the discussion and reply articles can be published at the same time, if they can be replied within the prescribed period. Otherwise, the discussion is published alone. Re-criticising of the replies is not allowed. The authors should keep the rules of scientific ethics and discussions in their discussion/reply papers. The papers in this category should not exceed four printed pages of the journal

including figures and tables etc. The format of the papers should be compatible with the “Spelling Rules” of the *Bulletin*.

2.3. Short Notes

- Short notes publishing in the *Bulletin* covers short, brief and concisely written research reports for papers including data obtained from ongoing and/or completed scientific researches and practices related to geoscience and new and/or preliminary factual findings from Turkey and worldwide.
- The short notes will follow a streamlined schedule and will normally be published in the following first or second issue shortly after submission of the paper to the *Bulletin*. To meet this schedule, authors should be required to make revisions with minimal delay.
- This type of articles should not exceed four printed pages of the journal including figures, tables and an abstract.

3. Submission and Reviewing of Manuscripts

Manuscript to be submitted for publishing in the Journal must be written clearly and concisely in Turkish and/or English and it should be prepared in the *Bulletin of Mineral Research and Exploration* style guidelines. All submissions should be made online at the <http://bulletin.mta.gov.tr> website.

- The manuscript submitted for reviews must not have been partially or completely published previously; that it is not under consideration for publication elsewhere in any language; the publication must have been approved by all-co-authors
- The rejected manuscripts are not returned back to author(s) whereas a letter of statement indicating the reason of rejection is sent to the corresponding author.
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- Every manuscript which passes initial Editorial treatise is reviewed by at least two independent reviewers selected by the Editors. Reviewers' reports are carefully considered by the Editors before making decisions concerning publication, major or minor revision or rejection.
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- To be published in the *Bulletin of Mineral Research and Exploration*, the printed length of the manuscript should not exceed 30 printed pages of the journal including an abstract, figures and tables. The publication of longer manuscripts will be evaluated by Editorial Board if it can be published or not.

4. Publication Language and Periods

- *The Bulletin of Mineral Research and Exploration* is published at least two times per year, each issue is published both in Turkish and English. Thus, manuscripts are accepted in Turkish or English. The spelling and punctuation guidelines of Turkish Language Institution are preferred for the Turkish issue. However, technical terms related to geology are used in accordance with the decision of the Editorial Board.

5. Spelling Draft

Manuscripts should be written in word format in A4 (29.7 x 21 cm) size and double-spaced with font size Times New Roman 10-point, margins of 25 mm at the sides, top and bottom of each page. Authors should study carefully a recent issue of the *Bulletin of Mineral Research and Exploration* to ensure that their manuscript corresponds in format and style.

- The formulas requiring the use of special characters and symbols must be submitted by the symbols part of the Microsoft Office Word Program on computer.
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- Line spacing must be left after paragraphs within text.
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- The manuscript must include the below sections respectively;
 - Title Page
 - Abstract
 - Key Words
 - Introduction
 - Body
 - Discussion
 - Conclusion
 - Acknowledgements
 - References

5.1. Title Page

The title page should include:

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- The abstract must be written with 10-point normal Times New Roman and single-spaced lines.
- "Abstract" must not be given for the writings that will be located in "Short Notes" section.
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5.4. Key Words

Immediately after the abstract, please provide up to 5 key words and with each word separated by comma. These key words will be used for indexing purposes.

5.5. Introduction

- The introduction section should state the objectives of the work, research methods, location of the study area and provide an adequate and brief background, by avoiding a detailed literature survey.
- Non-standard or un-common classifications or abbreviations should be avoided but if essential, they must be defined at their first mention and used consistently thereafter.
- When pre-information is needed for facilitating the understanding of the text, this section can also be used (for example, statistical data, bringing out the formulas, experiment or application methods, and others).

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- In this chapter, there must be data, findings and opinions that are intended to convey to the reader about the subject. The body section forms the main part of the article.
- The data used in the other sections such as "Abstract", "Discussions", and "Results" is caused by this section.
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- This section should state the significance of the results of the work, not repeat them. This must be written as a separate section from the results.

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- The main conclusion of the study provided by data and findings of the research should be stated concisely and concretely in this section.
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- The conclusions can be given in the form of substances in order to emphasize the results of the research and be understandable expression.

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Acknowledgement of people, grants, funds, etc should be placed in a separate section before the reference list. While specifying contributions, the attitude diverted the original purpose of this section away is not recommended. Acknowledgements must be made according to the following examples.

- This study was carried out under the.....project.
- I/we would like to thank to for contributing the development of this article with his/her critiques.
- Academic and / or authority names are written for the contributions made because of requirement of ordinary task requirement.

For example:

- "Prof. Dr. İ. Enver Altınlı has led the studies".
- "The opinions and warnings of Dr. Ercüment Sirel are considered in determining the limits of İlerdiyen layer."
- The contributions made out of the requirement of ordinary task:

For example:

- "I would like to thank to Professor Dr. Melih Tokay who gives the opportunity to benefit from unpublished field notes"; "I would like to thank to State Hydraulic Work 5. Zone

Preliminary-Plan Chief Engineer Ethem Göger." Academic and /or task-occupational titles are indicated for this kind of contributions.

- The contributions which are made because of requirement of ordinary task but do not necessitate responsibility of the contributor must be specified.

For example:

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5.10. References

- All references cited in the text are to be present in the reference list.
- The authors must be sure about the accuracy of the references. Publication names must be written in full.
- Reference list must be written in Times New Roman, 9-point type face.
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- Pamir, H.N. 1953. Türkiye'de kurulacak bir hidrojeoloji enstitüsü hakkında rapor. Türkiye Jeoloji Bülteni 4, 1, 63-68.
- Barnes, F., Kaya, O. 1963. İstanbul bölgesinde bulunan Karbonifer'in genel stratigrafisi. Maden Tetkik ve Arama Dergisi 61,1-9.
- Robertson, A.H.F. 2002. Overview of the genesis and emplacement of Mesozoic ophiolites in the Eastern Mediterranean Tethyan region. Lithos 65, 1-67.
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- Meric, E. 1983. Foraminiferler. Maden Tetkik ve Arama Genel Müdürlüğü Eğitim Serisi 23, 280p.
- Einsele, G. 1992. Sedimentary Basins. Springer-Verlag, p 628.
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- Göncüoğlu, M.C., Turhan, N., Şentürk, K., Özcan, A., Uysal, Ş., Yalınız, K. 2000. A geotraverse across northwestern Turkey. Bozkurt, E., Winchester, J.A., Piper, J.D.A. (Ed.). Tectonics and Magmatism in Turkey and the Surrounding Area. Geological Society of London Special Publication 173, 139-162.
- Anderson, L. 1967. Latest information from seismic observations. Gaskell, T.F. (Ed.). The Earth's Mantle. Academic Press. London, 335-420.
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- Gaskel, T.F.(Ed.)1967. The Earth's Mantle. Academic Press, 520p.
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- Yılmaz, Y. 2001. Some striking features of the Anatolian geology. 4. International Turkish Geology Symposiums 24-28 September 2001, London, 13-14.
- Öztunalı, Ö., Yenyol, M. 1980. Yunak (Konya) yöresi kayaçlarının petrojenezi. Türkiye Jeoloji Kurumu 34. Bilim Teknik Kurultayı, 1980, Ankara, 36

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- Linear scale must be used for all drawings. Author's name, figure description, figure number must not be included into the drawing.
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- Figure, plate, and table names in the article must not be abbreviated. For example, "as shown in generalized stratigraphic cross-section of the region (Figure 1.....)"

7.1. Stratigraphic Terminology

Stratigraphic classifications and nomenclatures must be appropriate with the rules of International Commission on Stratigraphy and/or Turkey Stratigraphy Committee. The formation names which have been accepted by International Commission on Stratigraphy and/or Turkey Stratigraphy Committee should be used in the manuscript.

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Fossil names in phrases must be stated according to the following examples:

- For the use of authentic fossil names:
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- When the authentic fossil name is not used.
 - e.g. nummulitic Limestone
- Other examples of use;
 - e.g. The type and species of Alveolina/ Alveolina type and species
- Taxonomic ranks must be made according to following examples:

Super family: Alveolina Ehrenberg, 1939 Family: Borelidae Schmarda, 1871 Type genus: <i>Borelis</i> de Montfort, 1808 Type species: <i>Borelis melenoides</i> de Montfort, 1808; <i>Nautilus melo</i> Fitchel and Moll, 1789	<i>Not reference, Not stated in the Reference section</i>
<i>Borelis vonderschmitti</i> (Schweighauser, 1951) (Plate, Figure, Figure in Body Text)	<i>Schweighauser, 1951 not reference</i>
1951 <i>Neoalveolina vonderschmitti</i> Schweighauser, page 468, figure 1-4	<i>Cited Schweighauser (1951), stated in the Reference section.</i>
1974 <i>Borelis vonderschmitti</i> (Schweighauser), Hottinger, page, 67, plate 98, figure 1.7	<i>Cited Hottinger (1974), stated in the Reference section.</i>

- The names of the fossils should be stated according to the rules mentioned below:
 - For the first use of the fossil names, the type, species and the author names must be fully indicated

Alveolina aragoensis Hottinger

Alveolina cf. *aragoensis* Hottinger

Alveolina aff. *aragoensis* Hottinger
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A. aragoensis

A. cf. aragoensis

A. aff. aragoensis
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- The statement of plates and figures (especially for articles of paleontology):
 - for statement of the species mentioned in the body text

Borelis vonderschmitti (Schweighauser, 1951).

(plate, figure, figure in the body text).
 - When citing from other articles

1951 *Neoalveolina vonderschmitti* Schweighauser, page 468, figure 1-4, figure in body text

1974 *Borelis vonderschmitti* (Schweighauser), Hottinger, page 67, plate 98, figure 1-7
- For the citation in the text
- (Schweighauser, 1951, page, plate, figure, figure in the body text) (Hottinger, 1974, page, plate, figure 67, plate 98, figure 1-7, figure in the bodytext.)

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 - Altınlı (1972, 1976) defined the general characteristics of Bilecik sandstone
- For publications written by two authors:
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 - The unit disappears wedging out in the East direction (Tokay et al., 1984).
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