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**STYLE.** Refer to a recent issue of *Weed Science* and the Directions for Contributors to *Weed Science* (last issue each year). *Weed Science* follows the *Scientific Style and Format: The CBE Manual for Authors, Editors, and Publishers*, 6th ed., Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, MA, 1994. The manuscript is usually assembled in the following order: title, author(s) and affiliation, abstract, nomenclature, key words, introduction, materials and methods, results and discussion, sources of materials, acknowledgements, literature cited, tables, captions for figures, and figures.

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**SPACING.** Double-space everything, including text, tables, figure legends, footnotes, and literature citations.

**TITLE.** Capitalize only the first letter of the first word and others that must be capitalized (e.g., Genus). Include the scientific name without authority for all weeds.

**AUTHOR(S).** Use the given name for each author, note corresponding author, and include an e-mail address for the corresponding author if possible. Give institutional affiliation for each author.

**ABSTRACT.** Begin the abstract on a new page. Omit the word "Abstract." The abstract must be written as a single paragraph containing an informative digest of significant findings.

**NOMENCLATURE.** Begin with common or code names for herbicides and organisms used in the title and abstract paired with the appropriate chemical or Latin binomial name and the five-letter code. The order should be herbicides, weeds, and crops, alphabetized within each group. Example: Nomenclature: Glyphosate, *N*-(phosphonomethyl)glycine; MAA, methylarsonic acid; annual bluegrass, *Poa annua* L. POANN; giant foxtail, *Setaria faberii* Herrm. SETFA; corn, *Zea mays* L. 'Pioneer 3732.' Note use of commas and semicolons.

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