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I. General Rules

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1. Articles in Polish with an English summary are accepted for publication. Attached colour graphs, drawings or photographs relevant to the article’s content are welcomed. The articles should not exceed 12 pages (except for monographs). Manuscripts should be submitted electronically (**e-mail: wiad-zoot@izoo.krakow.pl**) and meet the following requirements:
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Formulae: equation editor
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2. Introduction should contain justification of the research based on a review of literature as well as the aim of the study or research hypothesis; or provide the outline of the reviewed field.
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