

Help for Authors

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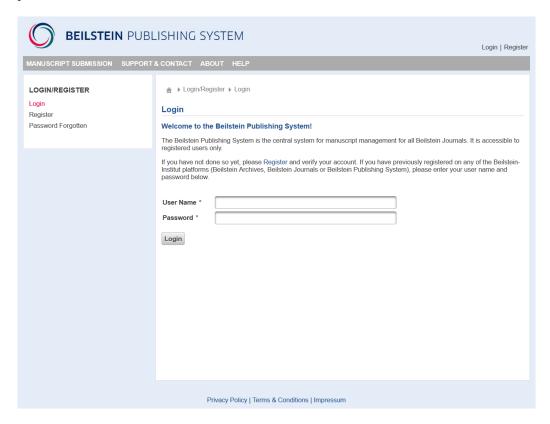
1 General Information

The Beilstein Publishing System allows authors to submit a new manuscript for the *Beilstein Journal of Organic Chemistry*, to upload a revised manuscript version after peer review and to provide any comments in the context of proofreading. Once a new manuscript has been submitted, authors can track the progress and view manuscript details throughout the whole process until publication. In addition, authors will be informed by email about the most important status changes of their manuscript. Some of these emails are also send cc to all co-authors. The submission or resubmission of a manuscript may be interrupted and resumed at any time. All manuscripts are given a unique manuscript number to help identify them within the Beilstein Publishing System.

This document gives authors an overview of the different steps during the submission or revision process and guides them through the Beilstein Publishing System.

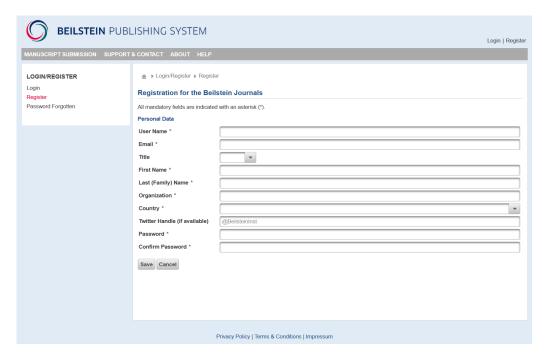
2 Access to the Beilstein Publishing System

In order to submit a new manuscript for the *Beilstein Journal of Organic Chemistry* please login to the Beilstein Publishing System at https://www.beilstein-journals.org/bps with your user name and password.

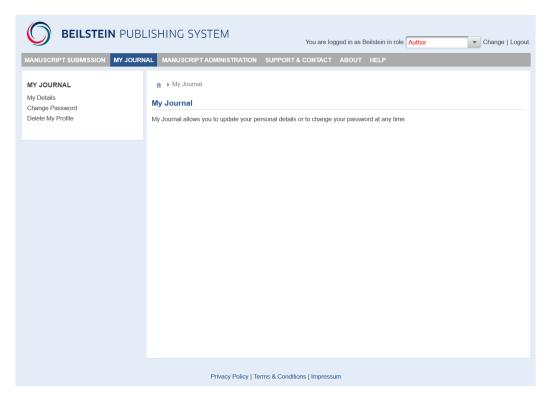


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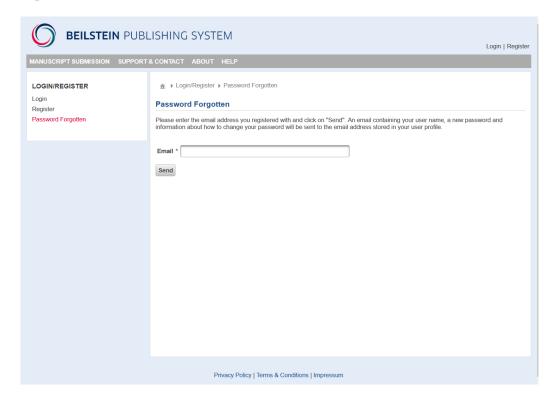


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3 Change User Role

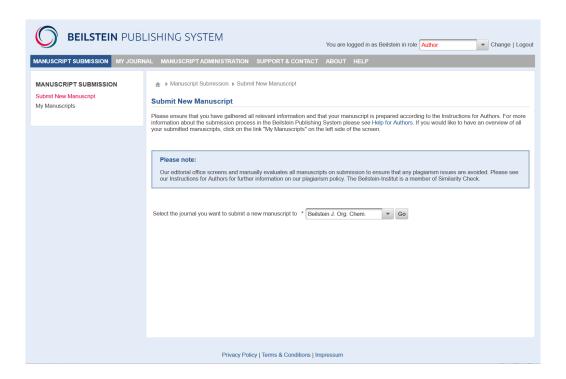
If you have been assigned more than one role within the Beilstein Publishing System (e.g. "Author" or "Referee"), you may easily select your required role for the task you wish to carry out. Once you are logged in, you can, if necessary, select a different role by using the drop down box which is located at the top right corner of the screen and click on "Change" to show the manuscripts associated with the new user role. You will be assigned the user role "Author" after finalization of your first submission in the Beilstein Publishing System. Before that, you will be assigned the user role "Reader".



4 Manuscript Submission

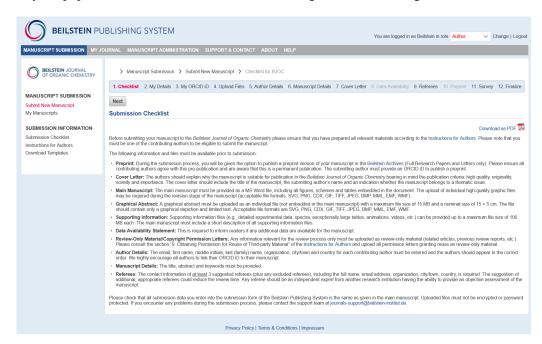
After you have logged in please open the main menu "Manuscript Submission" and click on the link "Submit New Manuscript" given on the left side of the screen. You will be directed to a new page where you have to select the Beilstein Journal you want to submit your manuscript to. After choosing the *Beilstein Journal of Organic Chemistry* and clicking on the button "Go" the corresponding submission form of the Beilstein Publishing System opens which allows you to upload all relevant manuscript data step by step. Mandatory entry fields are marked with an asterisk (*) on each submission page. You can proceed with the stepwise submission process by using the "Next" button or alternatively, save any manuscript data without continuing by choosing the "Save" button. If you would like to return to previous submission pages, please click on the "Previous" button. In general, you should avoid moving to preceding pages within the Beilstein Publishing System by using the browser "Back" button because this can lead to synchronization problems with your session on the server.





4.1 Checklist

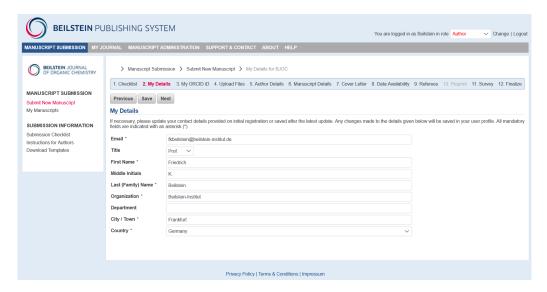
The first step in the submission process is to go through the <u>Submission Checklist</u> to inform yourself of all relevant data and information required for the submission process. Please also ensure that your manuscript has been prepared according to the <u>Instructions for Authors</u> before you start the submission of your paper. You must be one of the contributing authors to be eligible to submit the manuscript.





4.2 My Details

During the second step you are asked to review your contact details that were provided upon initial registration or saved after the latest update. Any changes will be saved in your user profile. As the submitting author you are responsible for the manuscript until publication. In this context you will receive all email correspondence pertaining to the manuscript and only you will be allowed to view the progress of your manuscript throughout the whole publication process.

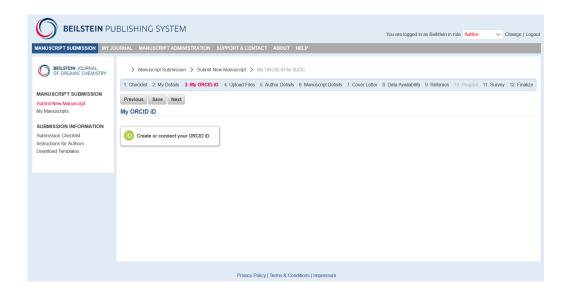


4.3 My ORCID iD

In this step you may provide your ORCID iD. An ORCID iD is a unique and persistent digital identifier that distinguishes you from other researchers and reliably connects you with your research contributions, to ensure that your work is properly attributed. We highly encourage all authors to connect a verified ORCID iD to their article. A verified ORCID iD for the submitting author is required if you wish to publish this manuscript as a preprint in the Beilstein Archives.

Pressing the button "Create or connect your ORCID iD" opens a pop up window in which you may either register for a new account with ORCID or sign in with an already existing account. Upon verification, your ORCID iD will be saved in our manuscript tracking system and connected to you as an author of this manuscript.





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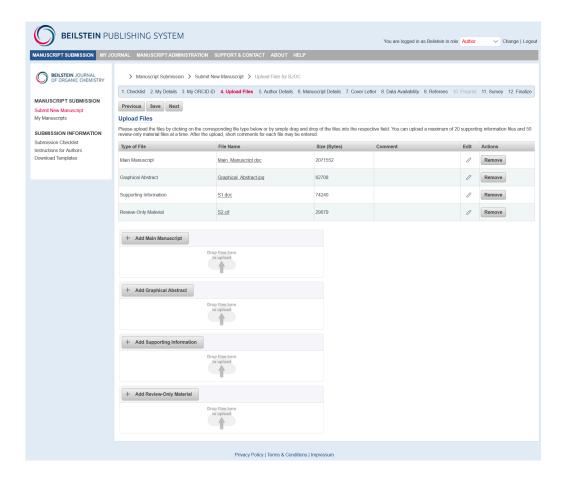
All relevant manuscript files must be uploaded in this step. You can upload the individual files by either clicking on the "+" button related to the corresponding file type or by simply using the drag and drop functionality. The following file types are possible:

- Main Manuscript (including all figures, schemes and tables embedded in the manuscript)
- Graphical Abstract
- Supporting Information
- Review Only Material (material not intended for publication, e.g., permissions for image reuse)

A maximum of 20 supporting information files and 50 review-only material files may be uploaded at a time. For acceptable file formats, please see the <u>Instructions for Authors</u>. You will not be allowed to finalize the submission process, until the main manuscript and graphical abstract have been uploaded.

After successful uploading, the files are listed in the upper section of the screen. This area remains empty until the first files are saved in the system. Double check the files you have chosen to upload. If any error occurred with the file selection, you can delete the file from the list by clicking the "Remove" button and afterwards restart the upload process. You may also view or download the files by clicking on the file name, or you may enter short comments by clicking on the pencil icon.



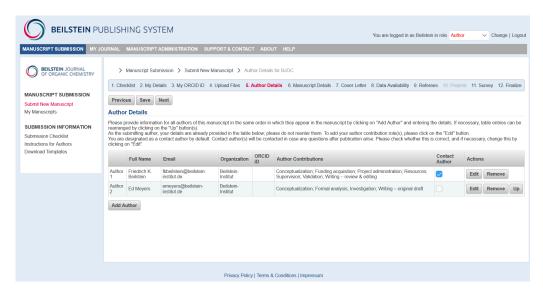


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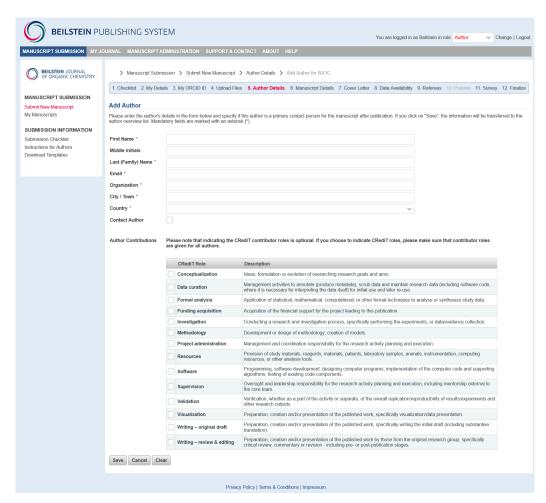
You must supply a list of all contributing author full names, in the same way and order that they appear on the title page of the manuscript. To add a new author, please click on "Add Author" and fill in the form provided with the author's details. If necessary, the order of authors may be rearranged by clicking the "Up" button(s).

As submitting author your details are already incorporated in the list so please do not re-enter them. By default, you will be designated as a contact author who is responsible for any issues in the context with the manuscript after publication. Please check whether this is correct, and if not, click on "Edit" to deselect the corresponding check mark. On the Edit screen you can also add your author contribution role(s) or edit the details of a particular co-author, if changes are necessary. When choosing "Remove" you can remove an author separately from the list.





In the "Add Author" screen you can add a further author who contributed to the manuscript to the author list. Please enter the author's details and specify if the author is a primary contact person for the manuscript after publication. Indicating the CRediT contributor roles is optional. If you choose to do this, please make sure that contributor roles are given for ALL authors. Do not forget to click the "Save" button to transfer the information to the author overview list.



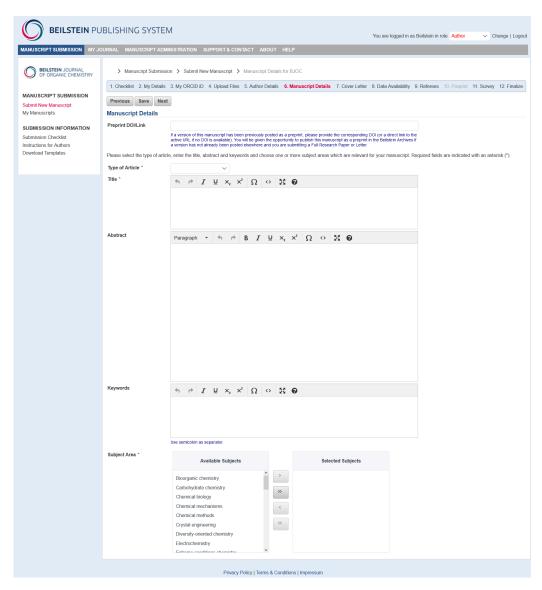


4.6 Manuscript Details

The following information must be provided for the manuscript being submitted:

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- <u>Type of Article:</u> Please select the appropriate type of article from the drop-down list (Full Research Paper, Review, Letter, Perspective, Commentary or Editorial).
- <u>Title:</u> Enter the manuscript title in the text field.
- Abstract: Enter the abstract of your manuscript in the text field.
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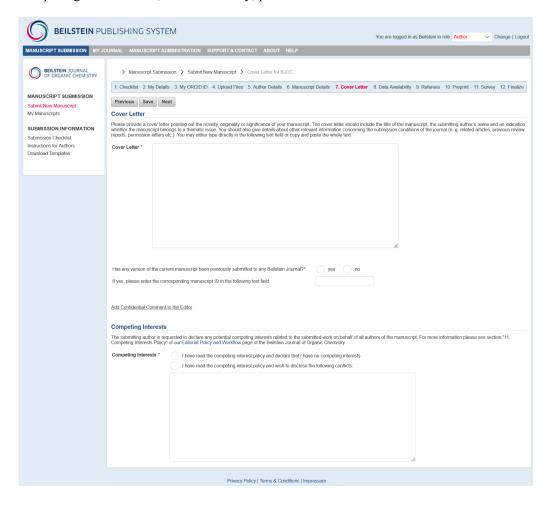


4.7 Cover Letter

This screen requests you to provide a cover letter indicating the novelty, originality or significance of your manuscript. The cover letter should include the title of the manuscript, the submitting author's name and an indication whether the manuscript belongs to a thematic issue. You should also give details about other relevant information concerning your manuscript (e.g. related articles, previous review reports, permission letters etc.). You can either type directly in the text box provided or enter the whole text by copy and paste from a word processing program.

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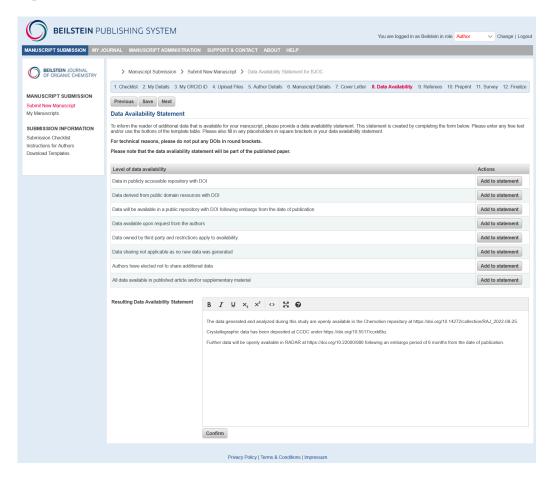
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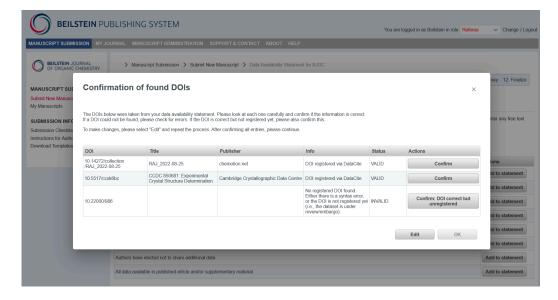
A data availability statement (DAS) must be provided on this page to let the reader know if any additional corresponding data are available for the manuscript. You may either enter any free text and/or copy appropriate template text from the template table with the button "Add to statement" to the resulting DAS text editor. When using template text, there might be some placeholders in square brackets such as [repository name] or [DOI], which must be filled in. For technical reasons, please do not put any DOIs in round brackets.





When your data availability statement is ready, please click on the button "Confirm". Afterwards a popup window will open to ask you to carefully check and confirm each DOI found in the statement. If a DOI is correct but not registered yet, please confirm this too. Please also check if all DOIs were found. Depending on the result of your check, you may either proceed with a click on "OK" or a click on "Edit" to make any corrections in the text editor.

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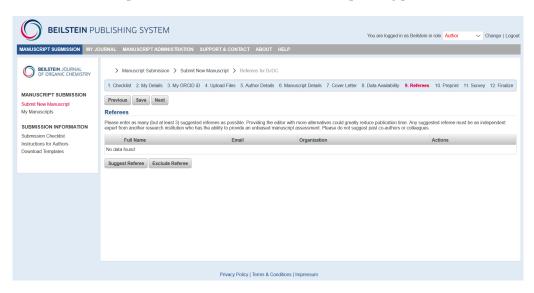




4.9 Referees

You will be required to suggest 3 referees for your manuscript before finalizing the manuscript submission. Any suggested referees should be independent experts from another research institution who will be able to provide an unbiased assessment of the manuscript. You may also request that a certain person should be excluded from the review process.

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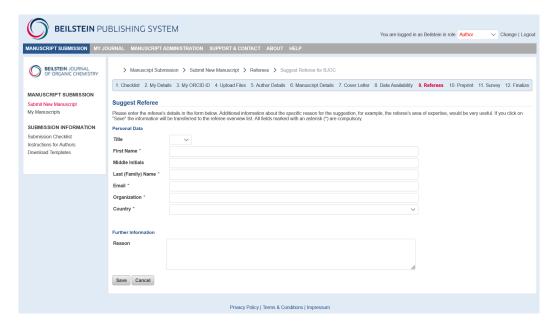


After saving the information, the referee's details are shown in the referee overview list. The following functions are then available for each referee:

- The "Show" button allows you to view the details of a particular referee present in the list. You may also edit these details, if changes are necessary.
- When choosing "Remove" you can individually remove a referee from the list.

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4.10 Preprint

If you have selected the "Type of Article" as a "Full Research Paper" or "Letter" on the Manuscript Details page, you will be given the option to request publication of a preprint version of your manuscript in the Beilstein Archives. The publication of a preprint is optional. Please first inform yourself and your co-authors about the advantages of publishing a preprint, and please ensure that all co-authors agree to this prepublication. A preprint is a permanent publication and cannot be removed from the Beilstein Archives. Even in cases where the manuscript is rejected for publication in the Journal, a published preprint will remain online.

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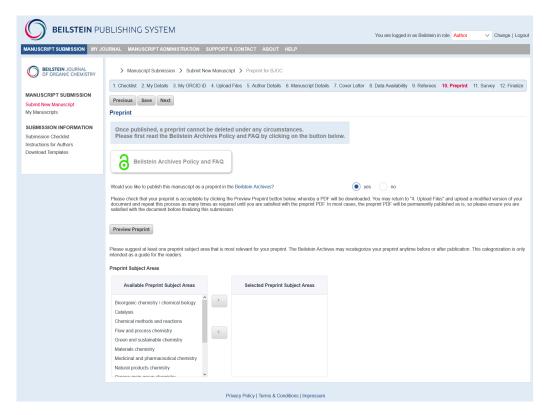
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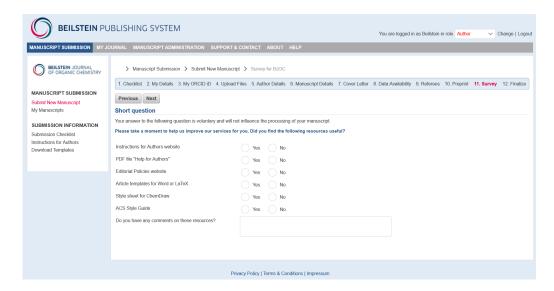
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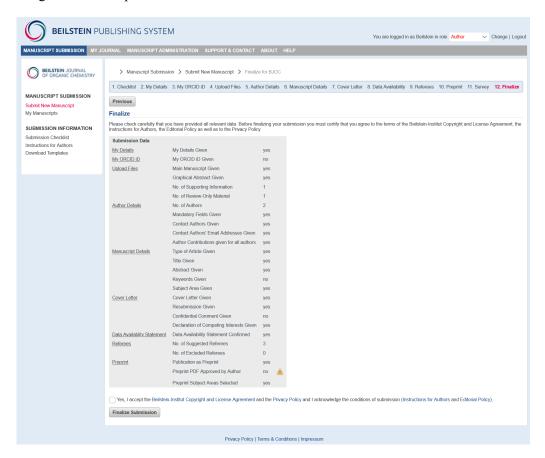




4.12 Finalize

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Before finalizing your submission by clicking the corresponding button, you must confirm that you accept the conditions of submission and that you agree to the terms of the <u>Beilstein Copyright & License Agreement</u>. After completion of the manuscript submission a confirmation page will be shown with the assigned manuscript ID.



5 Tracking the Submission Progress

5.1 Manuscript Overview

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You will be directly brought to the administration section of the Beilstein Publishing System which will show you an overview of all your submitted manuscripts. This allows you to track the progress and view details of all your manuscripts throughout the entire submission process.

A list provides you with the most important information about your manuscripts: the manuscript ID, the name of the Beilstein Journal the manuscript has been submitted to, the type of article, the editor assigned to the paper, the manuscript title, the submission date, an indication whether the submission process is still active or not, the status of the work progress until a final decision is made on the



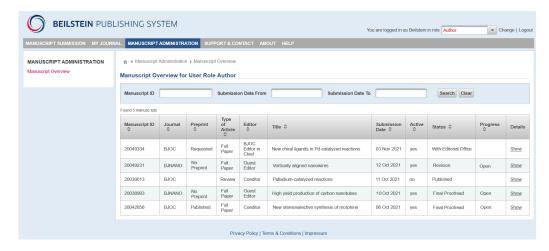
manuscript and the progress of the current workflow step. The following status entries for a manuscript are possible:

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- **Pre-revision** (requested tasks to be performed before peer review)
- **Review** (during peer review)
- **Revision** (request for a revised manuscript version after peer review)
- Accepted (the manuscript is, in principle, accepted for publication)
- **Final Proofread** (request for final proofreading of the layouted manuscript version resulting in the final PDF and the full text HTML version of the manuscript)
- With Editorial Office (processing steps not relating to the author, e.g. initial check, copyediting, layouting etc.)
- **Published** (the manuscript was published including the final PDF and the full text HTML version of the manuscript)
- Withdrawn (the manuscript was withdrawn by the author)
- **Rejected** (the manuscript was rejected before or after peer review)
- **Retracted** (the manuscript was retracted after publication because of serious errors)

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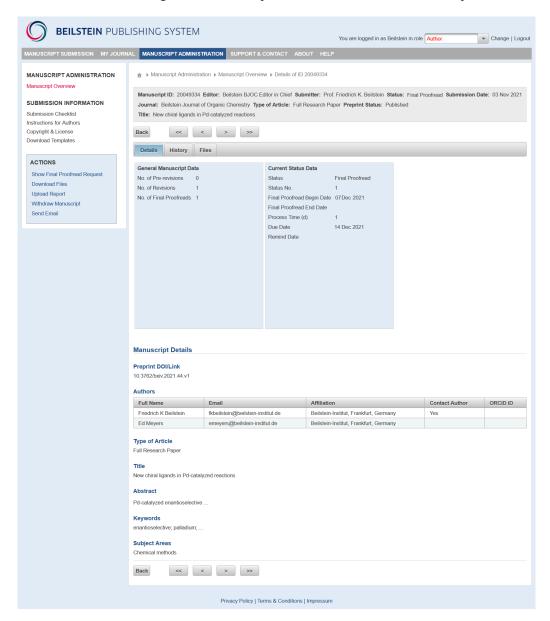
The details section of a manuscript can be displayed using the link "Show" giving you more details about an individual manuscript and from here you can also proceed further with the submission process.





5.2 Manuscript Details

After opening the details section of the manuscript concerned, the "Details" tab is selected by default. Below the tab bar some general manuscript data and current status data are provided.



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Status	Action	Comments
Incomplete Submission	Modify Submission	The submission form opens to allow continuation of an incomplete submission.
	Remove Submission	This action allows the deletion of an incomplete submission.
	Send Email	An email form opens for sending a message to the editorial office.
Pre-revision	Download Files	The tab "Files" opens for downloading the latest version of the manuscript files.
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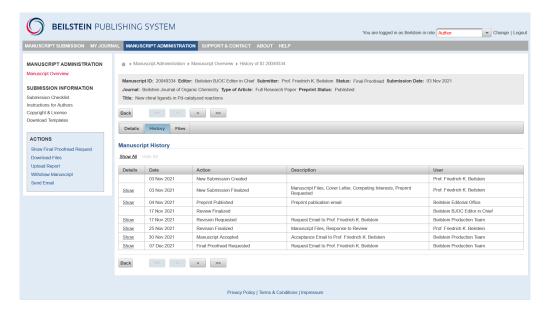
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Review	Withdraw Manuscript	This action allows you to withdraw a manuscript and to enter a reason for the withdrawal.
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Revision	Upload Revision	The revision form opens to allow the replacement of an existing manuscript file with a new version or to add any new file. In addition, a point-by-point response to the requested changes is necessary.
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5.3 Manuscript History

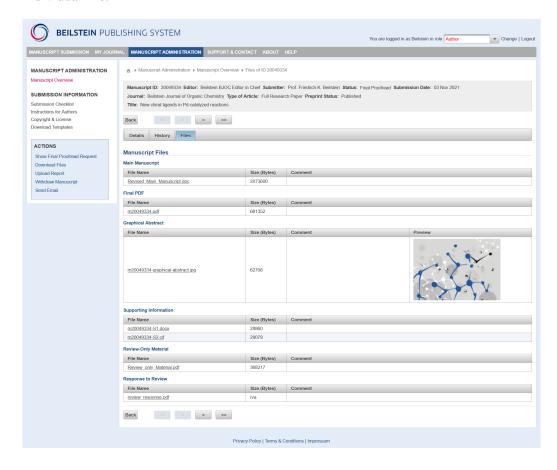
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5.4 Manuscript Files

Choosing the tab "Files" displays a summary of all your manuscript files belonging to the latest manuscript version. In addition, the response to review provided during the last revision is shown on this page. Besides the file name, the file size and any comment entered during submission or revision of the manuscript are shown. Small web figures are provided for the graphical abstract and for all graphics uploaded separately during revision. If you click on the file name, you can view or download any individual file.





6 Manuscript Revision/Pre-revision

You will be notified by email if the Editorial Office or the editor decides that you need to revise your manuscript before peer review or publication. The assessment and comments resulting from the peer review, the initial check (if available), and the format check (if available) will be provided in PDF format and you will find links to these reports in the decision email sent by the editor. The Editorial Office may request a pre-revision outlining tasks that must be performed before the manuscript can be passed on to an editor.

To submit the revised manuscript version, please log in to the Beilstein Publishing System at https://www.beilstein-journals.org/bps. After login the manuscript overview page opens and an overview of all your manuscripts submitted to the Beilstein Journals will be displayed. If the editor has requested a revision, please open the details section of the relevant manuscript in the status "Revision" and choose the action "Upload Revision" from the action list. If the Editorial Office has requested a prerevision, please choose the action "Resubmit Manuscript" to upload your revised document.

The manuscript revision form opens to allow you to perform the revision/pre-revision process step by step. Mandatory entry fields are marked with an asterisk (*). You can proceed with the stepwise process by using the "Next" button or alternatively, save any manuscript data without continuing by choosing the "Save" button. If you would like to return to previous pages, please click on the "Previous" button. In general, you should avoid moving to preceding pages within the Beilstein Publishing System by using the browser "Back" button because this can lead to synchronization problems with your session on the server.

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6.1 Upload Files

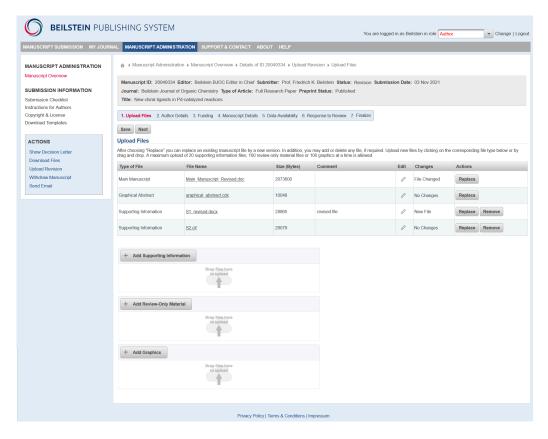
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- Supporting Information
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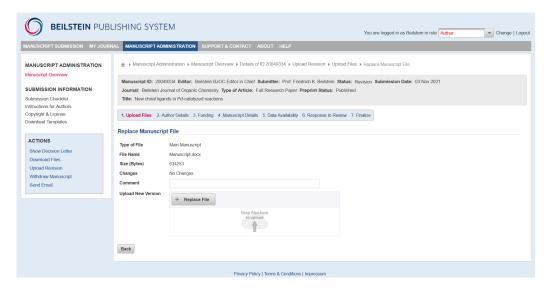
A maximum of 20 supporting information files, 100 review-only material files or 100 graphics may be uploaded at a time. For acceptable file formats, please see the <u>Instructions for Authors</u>.

After successful uploading, the new files will be added to the list of already existing files. If any error occurred with the file selection, the file can be deleted from the list by choosing the "Remove" button and afterwards the upload process may be started once again. You are also able to view or download the files by clicking on the file name, or you may enter short comments by clicking on the pencil icon. The column "Changes" indicates if an existing file has been changed during the revision process or if a file is completely new.





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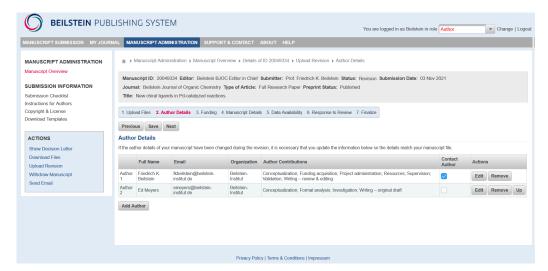
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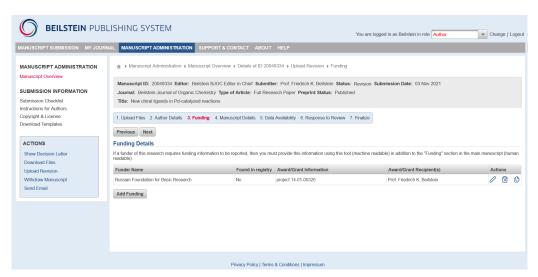


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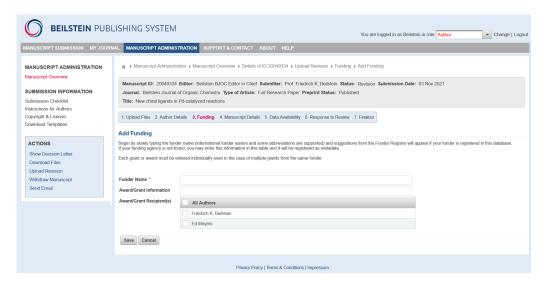


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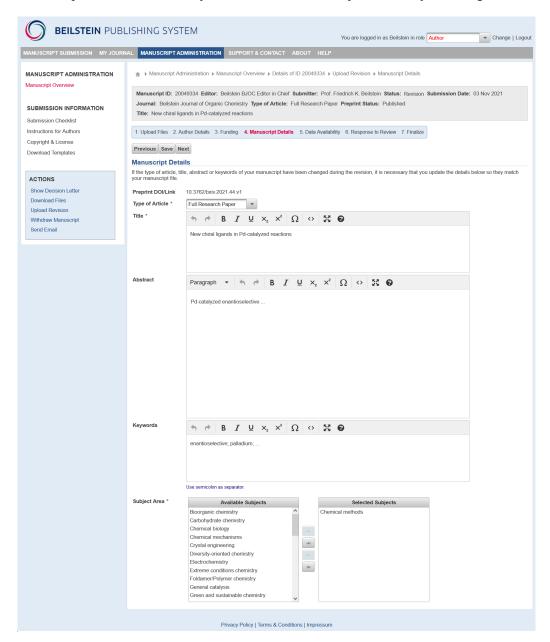
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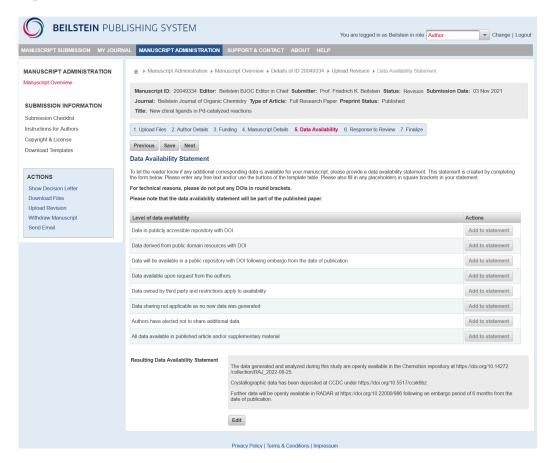
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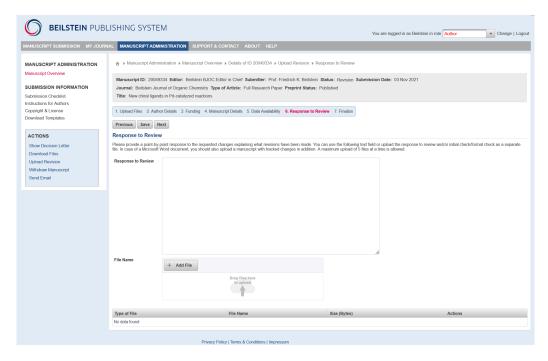
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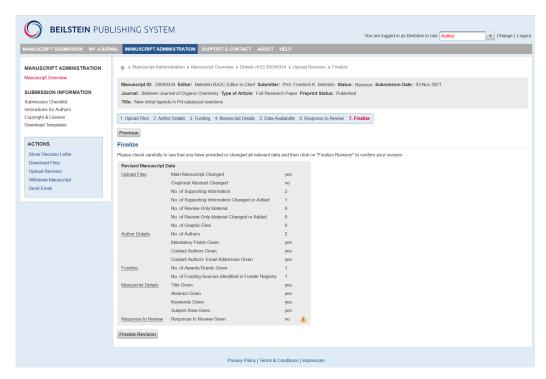
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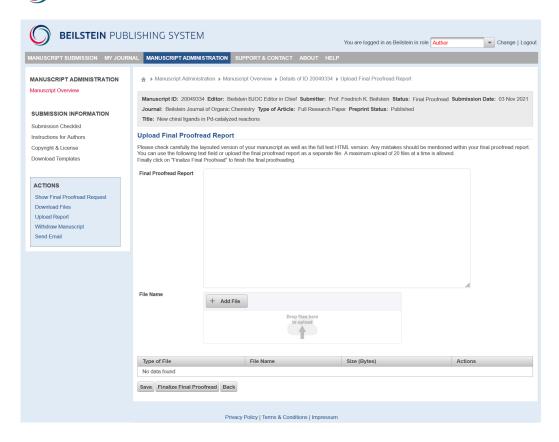


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