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- The volume of figures and tables should not exceed the volume of the main text.
- The formatting of figures/tables is described in detail in Sect. 3.1 and Sect. 3.2.

References

- References in the text should be in square brackets with Arabic numerals [1] (not with superscripts, or author-year style).
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Acknowledgements

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Figures, as well as tables, should be numbered in order of appearance in the text, and placed in the vicinity of their first mention (NOT at the end of the manuscript).

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- Moreover, the figures should be neat and sufficiently visually appealing!

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- Headings for columns in tables should be brief, minimising the number of words. For simplicity, it is helpful to use symbols defined in the text or caption.

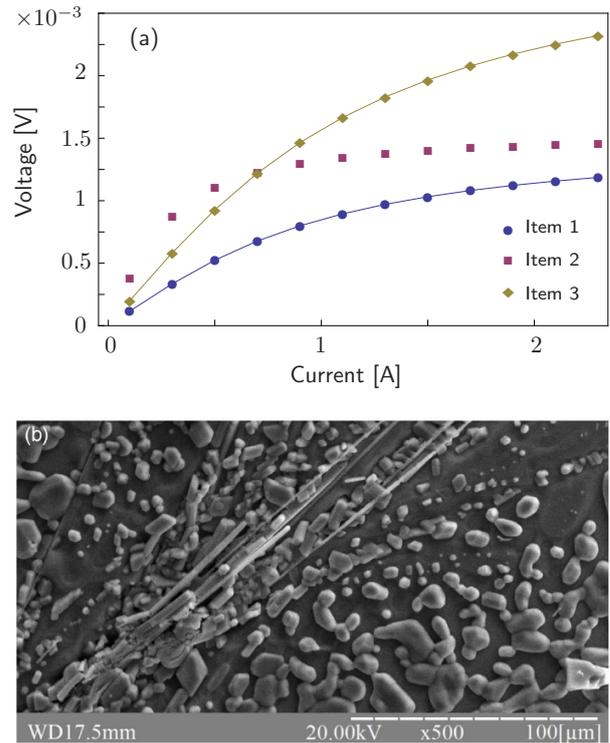


Fig. 1. (a) An example of a figure that meets the APPA criteria. (b) Reproduced from Ref. [3]. Note that the panel labels (a), (b) are slightly smaller than in the main text.

- Footnotes to each table should be indicated by superscript letters and placed in the table caption or below the table.
- Text elements in tables should follow the same requirements as text in figures, see Sect. 3.1.

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[3] V. Kapustianyk et al., *Acta Phys. Pol. A* **140**, 58 (2021)

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