1. Before preparing figures, read the Journal’s Instructions for Authors.

2. Adjust brightness/contrast equally across image.
   
   ![Enhanced contrast of one area](image1)
   
   ![Enhanced contrast equally across image](image2)
   
   *increased contrast ⇤*

3. Spliced image must include dividing line at the splice junction and be described in the Figure Legend.

   ![Splice](image3)

4. Do not make adjustments that hide any part of the image, including erasing background.

   ![Do not adjust hidden part of image](image4)

5. Avoid excessive contrast adjustment that removes background.

   ![Avoid excessive contrast](image5)

6. Final figures must be high-quality TIFF or EPS files. Avoid preparing figures in PowerPoint to avoid loss of image resolution.

   ![Avoid PowerPoint](image6)