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**Author Guidelines**

**Audience**
The audience for Future Medicine titles consists of clinicians, research scientists, decision-makers and a range of professionals in the healthcare community.

**Submission**
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- Word limit: 4000–8000 words (excluding Abstract, Executive Summary, References and Figure/Table legends)
- Required sections:
  - (for a more detailed description of these sections go to www.futuremedicine.com):
    - Summary
    - Keywords
    - Future perspective
    - Executive summary
    - References
    - Reference annotations
    - Financial disclosure

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    - Keywords
    - Introduction
    - Patients & methods/Materials & methods
    - Results
    - Discussion
    - Conclusions
    - Summary points
    - References
    - Reference annotations
    - Financial disclosure

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Perspectives should be speculative and very forward looking, even visionary. They offer the author the opportunity to provide criticism or address controversy. Authors of perspectives are encouraged to be highly opinionated. The intention is very much that these articles should represent a personal perspective. Referees will be briefed to review these articles for quality and relevance of argument only. They will not necessarily be expected to agree with the authors’ sentiments.

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- **Author(s) names & affiliations:** including full name, address, phone & fax numbers and e-mail.
- **Abstract/Summary:** approximately 120 words. No references should be cited in the abstract.
- **Keywords:** approximately 5–10 keywords for the review.
- **Body of the article:** article content under relevant headings and subheadings.
- **Conclusion:** analysis of the data presented in the review.

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