Author Guidelines

Our complete Author Guidelines are available at www.futuremedicine.com.

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

Submission
We accept unsolicited manuscripts. If you are interested in submitting an article, or have any queries regarding article submission, please contact the Head of Commissioning directly (c.barker@futuremedicine.com). For new article proposals, the Editor will require a brief article outline and working title in the first instance. We also have an active commissioning program whereby the Editor, under the advice of the Editorial Advisory Panel, solicits articles directly for publication.

Peer review & revision
Once the manuscript has been received in-house, it will be peer-reviewed (usually 2–3 weeks). Following peer review, 2 weeks is allowed for any revisions (suggested by the referees / Editor) to be made.

In-house production
Following acceptance of the revised manuscript, it will undergo production in-house. Authors will receive proofs of the article to approve before going to print, and will be asked to sign a copyright transfer form (except in cases where this is not possible, i.e. government employees in some countries).

Article types
For a more detailed description of each article type, please view our author guidelines at: www.futuremedicine.com

Reviews
Reviews aim to highlight recent significant advances in research, ongoing challenges and unmet needs.

Word limit
4000–6000 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: target of 80 maximum
• Reference annotations
• Financial disclosure

Primary research articles

Word limit
Not applicable

Required sections
(for a more detailed description of these sections go to www.futuremedicine.com):
• Structured abstract (Aims, Materials & Methods, Results and Conclusions)
• Keywords
• Introduction
• Patients & methods/Materials & methods
• Results
• Discussion
• Conclusions
• Summary points
• References
• Reference annotations
• Financial disclosure

Perspectives

Word limit: 4000–6000

Perspectives should be speculative and very forward looking, even visionary. They offer the author the opportunity to present 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.

Special reports

Word limit: 1500–3000

Special reports are short review-style articles that summarize a particular niche area, be it a specific technique or therapeutic method.

Editorials

Word limit: 1000–1500

Editorials are short articles on issues of topical importance. We encourage our editorial writers to express their opinions, giving the author the opportunity to present criticism or address controversy. The intention is very much that the article should offer a personal perspective on a topic of recent interest. Editorials should not contain figures or tables. Maximum 20 references.

Priority paper evaluations

Word limit: 1500

Priority paper evaluations review significant, recently published primary research articles carefully selected and assessed by specialists in the field (not a paper from the author's own group). The primary research detailed in the chosen paper is discussed with the aim of keeping readers informed of the most promising discoveries/breakthroughs relevant to the subject of the journal through review and comment from experts. Priority Paper Evaluations are intended to extend and expand on the information presented, putting it in context and explaining why it is of importance. The ideal article will provide both a critical evaluation and the author’s opinion on the quality and novelty of the information disclosed. Maximum 20 references.

Conference scenes

Word limit: 1500

Conference scenes aim to summarize the most important research presented at a recent conference in the subject area of the journal. Conference scenes should not contain figures or tables. Maximum 20 references.

Company profiles

Word limit: 2000

Company profiles allow representatives from pharmaceutical, biotechnology, etc. companies to describe the work currently being carried out within their particular organization, relevant to the field of the journal in question. These reports are intended to provide an insight into the history and strategy of a company and profile its corporate capabilities, advanced technologies and future potential.

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