

Guidelines for submitting a synopsis to *Natural Product Reports*

Natural Product Reports (NPR) welcomes article proposals from potential authors.

Before work on the manuscript begins, we ask that authors send a brief (2-4 page) synopsis for their proposed article, so that we can consider its suitability for the journal and any potential overlap with other reviews currently expected.

Upon receipt, a synopsis is assessed by the Editorial Office and circulated by email to the Editorial Board to discuss its suitability. Authors of those approved by the Editorial Board are invited to write their article and submit it for peer-review, taking into account any comments.

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Critical reviews of key areas of research, focusing on key developments rather than comprehensive accounts of everything that has occurred in the field; generally 10–25 pages in length.

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4. The time span of the literature you intend to cover
5. An approximate date of article submission
6. A brief description of the review and topic to be covered, including:
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 - Which communities your article will appeal to
7. Suggested section headings, including a brief description of what will be included in each section
8. A brief list of key references, including article titles and full author list
9. A list any other reviews which have been published in the area, including article titles
10. A brief author biography and publication history to demonstrate your expertise to write on this topic