

1. Style

Perspectives are short, personal viewpoints in which the author takes one or two pieces of their own recently-published research and discusses it in the wider context of the field. Perspectives are forward-looking in nature, setting the scene for the research as well as assessing its potential impact on future research.

While there are no strict guidelines on writing style, Perspectives should generally include:

- A background to the research area; its importance and previous developments
- A summary of the key aspects of the research recently published by the author
- An outlook on future progression of the field, including how the author's research could impact that.

Note that articles should focus on just one or two recently-published research papers by the author. They should not cover large aspects of an author's previous research.

Perspective articles are invited by the Editorial team; however we welcome suggestions for these from authors and readers.

Note that OBC's review article types changed in July 2013. The previous Perspective and Emerging Area article types are now both covered by the 'Review' article type.

2. Length & Format

Typically 2 – 4 printed pages in length (ca. 4 – 10 pages of double spaced typescript), including tables and figures. Authors should include illustrative material (tables and figures) as they consider appropriate. The format requirements are broadly the same as for a regular paper for *Organic & Biomolecular Chemistry*. Article templates can be found at <http://www.rsc.org/Publishing/ReSource/AuthorGuidelines/ElectronicFiles/Templates/index.asp>.

3. Colour

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4. Graphical Abstract

Please include an illustrated contents entry including: graphic: 8cm x 4cm, preferably in colour; text: one sentence no longer than 30 words, highlighting the most interesting parts of the manuscript.

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6. Format

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