

# Guidelines for the submission of Viewpoint articles to *NPR*

**Viewpoint articles** are short articles which focus on some of the key challenges, issues or developments in natural products research. They can be “opinion” style articles, which give the author’s perspective on a particular issue, backed up by the literature. They are up to 4 journal pages in length.

The guidelines below summarise the formats that RSC staff require for the submission of Viewpoint articles to *Natural Product Reports*. Adherence to these guidelines will ensure the smooth processing of manuscripts, minimise delays at the review, editing and proofing stages, and ensure high-quality reproduction.

## **Submission of manuscripts**

- Please provide the manuscript as a single Word document using the "Article" template available at <http://www.rsc.org/Publishing/ReSource/AuthorGuidelines/ElectronicFiles/Templates/word.asp>. Graphics can be embedded in with the text, or placed all at the end.
- Graphics containing chemical structures should be created in ChemDraw using the template at: <http://www.rsc.org/Publishing/ReSource/AuthorGuidelines/AuthoringTools/Templates/chemdraw.asp>.

Please also note the following when you supply your revised manuscript:

- For all graphics, the column widths are: 8.3 cm (1-column) and 17.1 cm (2-column), with a maximum height of 23.3 cm. Please bear these dimensions in mind when creating graphics, to make the best use of the space available.
- A short (~30 word) statement should be provided for printing in the contents pages. This should be accompanied by a colour graphic (8 cm wide x 4 cm high). These items can be supplied separately from the main manuscript.
- A biography (up to 100 words) should be provided for each author, together with photographs. These items can be supplied separately from the main manuscript.

## **Naming your graphics**

### ***Schemes and Figures***

- For reaction schemes, retrosynthetic analyses, graphs, photographs, flowcharts, crystal/protein structures, etc.
- Citation in the text is required (e.g. “...as shown in Scheme 1”).
- Captions are preferred; please provide all captions with the main text, not pasted into the graphic.

### ***Unlabelled graphics***

- For stand-alone structures with compound numbers.
- Citation in text is not possible, other than a mention of the relevant compound numbers.
- Captions are not permitted.
- Compound numbers should be in bold type, and closest to the structure they represent, but do not need to be directly underneath the structure.

## **Useful links**

- New and revised manuscripts can be submitted via your personal page at <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/npr>
- Templates are available at: <http://www.rsc.org/Publishing/ReSource/AuthorGuidelines/AuthoringTools/Templates/index.asp>

**Many thanks in advance for your cooperation.**

**If you have any questions about file types or formats, please contact Helen Potter at [npr@rsc.org](mailto:npr@rsc.org), who will be happy to offer advice.**