Guidelines for submitting a synopsis to *Natural Product Reports*

The editorial team is happy to hear from authors who are interested in writing an article for *Natural Product Reports* (*NPR*).

NPR reviews are designed to give an interesting insight into the topic, focussing on the key developments that have shaped a field rather than giving a very comprehensive overview of all results. Authors are encouraged to include their own perspective on developments, trends and future directions.

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

Upon receipt, a synopsis is circulated by email to the international Editorial Board (unless deemed unsuitable) to discuss its suitability. Those found to be appropriate for the journal are invited to write the manuscript, taking into account any of the Editorial Board's comments, and to submit it for peer-review.

Review articles
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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Please include the following information in your synopsis, preferably in the following order:

1. A proposed title for the work

2. Authors and affiliations (including co-authors if known)

3. A suggested format and length of the article – this should be the number of printed journal pages

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:
   - What the implications are for the wider scientific community
   - 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