



# Author Guidelines

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- ▶ Technology/Therapy Insights
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- ▶ Viewpoints
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- ▶ Methodology Papers
- ▶ Conference Spotlight

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## AUTHOR NAMES & AFFILIATIONS

Include the full name, affiliation and email for all authors. Designate one corresponding author who is responsible for ensuring that the author list, and the summary of the author contributions to the study are accurate and complete.

## TITLE

The title should be concise (no more than 120 characters) and provide a clear understanding of the main topic being discussed.

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The abstract succinctly introduces the paper and provides the reader with an overview of the key information discussed in your article. Your abstract should not be more than 150 words and must not include references.

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We do not impose strict word count restrictions, but please see the specific article type guidelines below for more specific formatting requirements.

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References are listed and numbered in the order that they appear in the text. References should appear as a number within square brackets, i.e., [1,2]. Any references that solely appear in tables/figures/boxes should be included in the reference section and appear based in the order in which they appear in the text.

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- ▶ Cite the volume with the issue number in brackets followed by a comma
- ▶ Give the full page range (or article number), where appropriate

## Example

Frock RL, Hu J, Meyers RM, Ho Y-J, Kii E, Alt FW. Genome-wide detection of DNA double-stranded breaks induced by engineered nucleases. *Nat. Biotechnol.* 2015; 1(2), 179–186.

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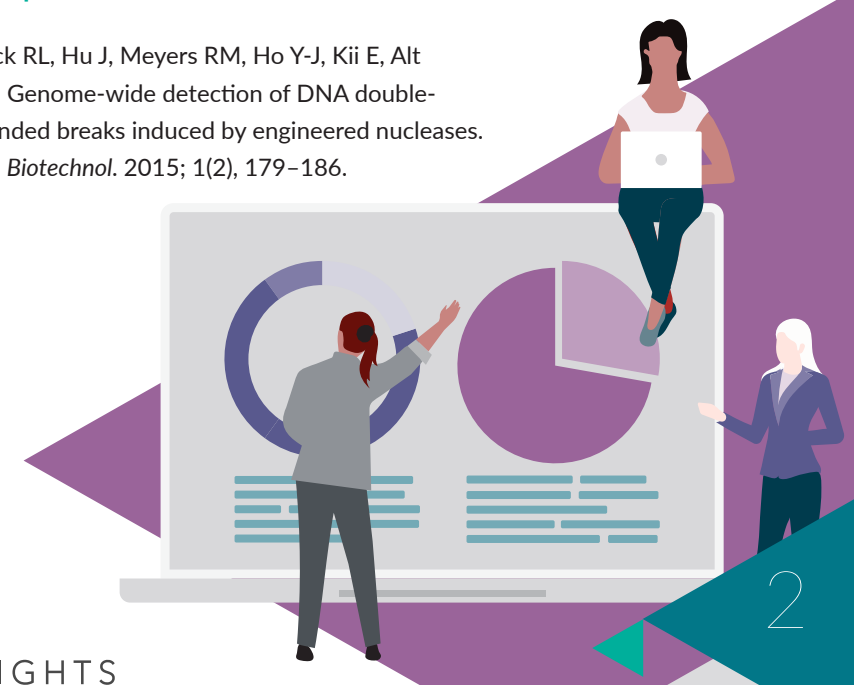
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## PERMISSIONS

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Please provide all figures as separate files

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Please provide in an editable format—i.e., exported directly from the program in which they were created (powerpoint (ppt), illustrator (ai or eps), photoshop (psd or eps) files). Alternatively, if the original is not available please export as a PDF or provide as a png or jpg file at the highest resolution possible.

Please provide as separate files—we cannot use the versions within the word document

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Please provide in jpg, png or psd format at the highest resolution available (at least 300dpi). Author photos should include the full head and torso (although headshots are acceptable). They should be taken against a plain background if possible. Please provide as separate files and not within the word document.

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## REVIEW ARTICLES

Reviews highlight recent significant advances in a research area, providing readers with an up-to-date overview of the advances, challenges and predictions for future developments.

We also challenge our authors to provide their thoughts on the path to successful translation and development of therapies within the topic they have reviewed.

The **Translation Insight** section gives the author the opportunity to provide their expert insight into how they envisage the field progressing towards commercially viable therapies—identifying challenges, research requirements, manufacturing needs, regulatory framework, and/or next steps required to move the research forward.

### Required article structure

- ▶ Abstract—plus a graphical abstract if appropriate
- ▶ Body of article
- ▶ Translation Insight
- ▶ References
- ▶ Financial disclosure/acknowledgments
- ▶ Figures/Tables/Boxes where appropriate

Word Count Guideline: 3000–8000 words

## RESEARCH ARTICLE/ORIGINAL RESEARCH

Original research articles must present novel information that represents an advancement within the field. BioInsights accepts Research Articles, Preliminary Communications, Case Studies and Methodology papers under the Original Research category.

### Required article structure

- ▶ Abstract—plus a graphical abstract if appropriate
- ▶ Article Body: Introduction, Methodology, Results, Conclusion, Discussion
- ▶ Translational Insight
- ▶ References
- ▶ Financial disclosure/acknowledgments
- ▶ Figures/Tables/Boxes where appropriate

Word Count Guideline: no restrictions

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## EXPERT INSIGHT

Expert Insight articles provide readers with a snapshot update of a highly topical subject in which the Expert author shares their perspective and thoughts on advances and critical issues in the field and speculates on potential outcomes and future developments. These articles are not intended to provide a comprehensive review of a subject area, rather the intention is to help foster debate and discussion around key areas.

### Required article structure

- ▶ Abstract—plus a graphical abstract if appropriate)
- ▶ Body of article
- ▶ Translation Insight
- ▶ References
- ▶ Financial disclosure/acknowledgments
- ▶ Figures/Tables/Boxes where appropriate

Word Count Guideline: 1500–4000 words

## INNOVATOR INSIGHT

Innovator Insight articles offer an update on recent sector issues, trends and enabling technology evolution specifically through the eyes of tool and service providers.

### Required article structure

- ▶ Abstract—plus a graphical abstract if appropriate
- ▶ Body of article
- ▶ Translation Insight
- ▶ References
- ▶ Financial disclosure/acknowledgments
- ▶ Figures/Tables/Boxes where appropriate

Word Count Guideline: 1500–4000 words

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## COMMENTARIES

Commentary articles provide authors with the opportunity to speculate and address any issues of contention or debate within the subject area of the journal. We encourage authors to be as opinionated as they wish as it is the intention that Commentary articles represent a personal perspective and help foster debate and discussion around key areas of bioscience.

### Required article structure

- ▶ Abstract—plus a graphical abstract if appropriate
- ▶ Translation Insight
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- ▶ Financial disclosure/acknowledgements
- ▶ Figures/Tables/Boxes where appropriate

Word Count Guideline: 1500–4000 words

## VIEWPOINTS

Viewpoints are short commentary articles on a current topic of importance to the field and provides authors with the opportunity to convey their opinions on new developments or issues of debate.

### Required article structure

- ▶ Title
- ▶ Body of article
- ▶ References
- ▶ Photo (headshot) of authors. For acceptable file types see [Figures and Tables](#).

Word Count Guideline: 500–1000 words

## EDITORIALS

Editorials are reserved for Guest Editors of editions and members of the Editorial Advisory Board. They are short commentary articles on a current topic of importance to the field, providing authors with the opportunity to convey their opinions on new developments or issues of debate.

### Required article structure

- ▶ Title
- ▶ Body of article
- ▶ References
- ▶ Photo (headshot) of authors For acceptable file types see [Figures and Tables](#).

Word Count Guideline: no restrictions

## REGULATORY PERSPECTIVE

Regulatory Perspective articles provide our readers with a clear overview of the current regulatory landscape. The format of your article is flexible depending on the perspective you are providing, but as a general guideline please include the following section:

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- ▶ References
- ▶ Financial disclosure/acknowledgements
- ▶ Figures/Tables/Boxes where appropriate

Word Count Guideline: 2500–4000 words

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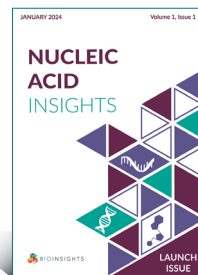
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- ▶ Word DOC
- ▶ DOCX
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# Editorial Policies

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