



BioscienceHorizons
Formatting guide

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Submission type:

Research Article (page 2)

Research Article pieces contain novel research findings or critical appraisal of substantial scientific interest. Main results and conclusions of the research must not have been submitted or published elsewhere.

Review (page 7)

Review pieces provide an overview of a specific bioscience problem and should present a critical analysis of the literature on the topic.

Perspective piece (page 12)

Perspective piece is a short, more theoretical type of publication where the author describes scientific ideas with a more personal approach, encouraging a conversation among students.

Research Article Formatting

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Research Article must contain the following sections (in this order):

- Title
- Author & supervisor information
- Keywords
- Abstract
- Main Body
 - Introduction
 - Methods and Materials
 - Results
 - Discussion and conclusion
- Figures and Figure legends
- References

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Introduction

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Methods and Materials

The methods and materials section should contain a detailed description of the components required to replicate the research. It should be divided into paragraphs, each preceded by a bold heading.

Results

The result section should include the results of the experiments carried out, without interpreting them or coming to any conclusion. Interpretation and conclusion of the results is presented respectively in the Discussion and Conclusion sections.

Discussion and conclusion

Discussion should reinclude the problem to be addressed by the study and interpret the results of the experiments in light of this problem. The author should make sense of every experimental mistake, discuss the impact of its research in the field and the possibility of carrying out more experiments.

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