

# Pharmaceutical Patent Analyst: Author Guidelines in brief

## Journal Scope

Pharmaceutical Patent Analyst, a print and online journal published by Future Science Ltd, offers a peer-reviewed forum dedicated to expertly distilling the most notable recent developments in the patent literature of relevance to all areas of pharmaceutical and medical science—from small molecules, devices, processes, to biologics; across all therapeutic areas—as well as providing commentary on key, relevant IP issues affecting R&D.

## Audience

*Pharmaceutical Patent Analyst* is principally targeted at researchers and scientists who want to remain abreast of developments in the patent literature, while also enhancing their understanding of associated IP issues. The journal will also be of interest to IP specialists, such as legal professionals and technology transfer officers.

## Proposals for the following article types are welcomed:

### Patent Reviews (word limit: 4000—14000 words)

Patent Reviews should provide an objective and concise appraisal of a selection of patents in a chosen area. Discussions should be placed within the context of the relevant wider R&D landscape. Authors are expected to offer a commentary on the significance, potential and essential content of the patents under discussion. The patents reviewed should be from a variety of companies/assignees, and should be timely (*i.e.* ideally granted within the past 1-4 years). The majority of the references cited in the article should be taken from the patent literature. Separate guidelines for writing patent reviews are available from the Editor on request.

### Reviews (word limit: 4000—8000 words)

Reviews should focus on IP issues related to the pharmaceutical patent lifecycle or to medical R&D. Articles should be accessible to pharmaceutical researchers with a general grounding in IP, and include appropriate, but not extensive, background or explanation of more specialist terminology, concepts or discussions.

### Perspectives (word limit: 4000—8000 words)

Perspectives have the same basic structure as review articles; however, their tone should be more opinionated, speculative, even visionary. Referees will be briefed to review these articles for quality and relevance of argument only; they will not necessarily be expected to agree with the authors' sentiments.

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## **Special Reports** (word limit: 3000—8000 words)

Special reports are review-style articles dedicated to niche or emerging issues of relevance to pharmaceutical or medical IP.

## **Patenting Trends** (word limit: 3000—8000 words)

Patenting Trends provide analyses of patenting activity within selected parameters; e.g., geographical regions, sectors, compound/drug classes, therapeutic areas. The intention is to survey the broader patent landscape rather than the scientific content of individual patents.

## **Methodology articles** (word limit: 3000—8000 words)

Methodology articles focus on reviewing or presenting original research pertaining to the design and/or application of approaches for searching and analysing the patent literature.

## **Hot Topic articles** (word limit: 1500—2000 words)

Hot Topic articles provide an objective and factual overview of a specific issue or topic of debate—be it a legal concept, landmark case, or policy. They should be structured into the following sections: background (concise overview of topic); discussion (*e.g.* of recent developments, current opinions, ongoing debate, *etc.*); future outlook (*e.g.* short summary of likely developments or future challenges).

## **Editorials, Opinions and Commentaries**

Editorials articles (word limit: 1500 words) provide an insight into, or snapshot of issues of topical importance of relevance to IP. The intention is that the article should offer an expert perspective on a topic of recent interest. More detailed discussions can take the form of Commentary articles (word limit: 3000-4000 words).

Opinion articles (word limit: 1500 words) should typically be informed, agenda-setting and authoritative. If addressing a problem, they should also present coherent argued solutions. They can address issues relating to scientific research, or peripheral areas of debate affecting industry, academia or IP law.

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