



Peer-Review Paper Guidelines

This guide includes information about submitting papers for peer review to *Pharmaceutical Technology* and *Pharmaceutical Technology Europe*.

Pharmaceutical Technology and *Pharmaceutical Technology Europe* welcome manuscripts for peer review by the publication's editorial advisory board. Peer review is double blind; the reviewers do not know the identity of the authors and the identity of reviewers is unknown to authors.

Pharmaceutical Technology and *Pharmaceutical Technology Europe* follow peer-review procedures standard for scholarly and technical journals.

Accepted manuscripts will be scheduled for publication in *Pharmaceutical Technology*, *Pharmaceutical Technology Europe*, or both publications. Articles are also posted on www.PharmTech.com.

Review Process

Manuscripts for peer review are accepted on an ongoing basis. Publication priority is given to accepted articles first received, so early submission is encouraged for editorial consideration.

Submitted papers are initially screened by the editors, then submitted for formal review by a member of the editorial advisory board, who will review the article for technical interest and content in a double-blind review process. An editor communicates questions, queries, or requests for additional information/data between the reviewer and author.

The review, revision, and acceptance process typically takes 6 to 8 weeks.

Article acceptance is conditioned on the reviewer's approval. Once accepted for publication, an article is published within 3 to 9 months. A galley proof is provided to the author for review prior to publication.

Peer-Review Categories

Papers submitted for peer review may fall into four main categories:

Standard data-driven, novel research paper

Peer-review articles that present novel scientific findings and original data that advance a technology, a process, a synthesis, a formulation/drug delivery method, or manufacturing scalability or operability. [2000-3600 words, up to 6 figures/tables]

Peer-review papers offering original research follow a general format as follows:

1. **Abstract:** 200 words briefly describes the hypothesis and conclusion
2. **Introduction:** Sets the hypothesis within a context of the state of the art and explaining how the presented data change or advance the current theory or practice
3. **Materials and Methods:** Sets out the experimental procedure, including all equipment used, settings, buffer compositions and concentrations, ingredients, and other materials and procedures. The information should be detailed enough to allow any other researcher to duplicate the experiments described. Experimental and control experiments must be described.
4. **Results:** Presents data in tabular format, spectra, and other graphics summarizing data values and showing standard deviations. Results must include those for the experimental and control conditions.
5. **Discussion:** The author reviews the data and supports the conclusions. The author may raise alternate hypotheses and demonstrate how the data fit one of these in particular. They may also suggest future experiments that will eliminate other hypotheses or advance the current one.
6. **Conclusion:** A short section restates the hypothesis that has been proved in the article. Authors may also choose to comment on current and potential future applications of the work.
7. **References:** Throughout the paper, the author should cite sources in which data were presented about methods used, supporting or competing hypotheses, or conclusions related to the work being presented.

Technical case studies/technical application notes

Peer-review articles in a technical case study format provide the reader with practical guidance and understanding to resolve a problem or challenge. The article is evaluated based on whether it provides sound scientific/technical understanding of a problem/issue and related guidance for scientific/technical personnel specifically involved in this field. The submission should include an introduction, explanation of materials and methods used, a presentation of results, a review and explanation of data, and a conclusion of the findings. [1800-2000 words, up to 3 figures/tables]

Topical literature or patent review

A peer-review paper offering a topical literature or patents review informs the reader of the latest scientific/technical advances in a given area with proper citations to literature and/or patents. The paper summarizes and objectively explains the importance of the work in this field and/or comparison of this work to other approaches in the field. [2000-3000 words, up to 3 figures/tables]

Science-Based Opinion Papers

Peer-review articles that offer an opinion on current industry thinking and practices or other developments must be supported by scientific/technical information. The reviewer does not evaluate the opinion per se, but evaluates whether sufficient and accurate science/technical support is offered in any such opinion. [1000-1500 words]

Originality and Licensing

Originality and Rights

Manuscripts are reviewed with the understanding that they have not been published previously in any format—print or electronic—are not ghostwritten, and are not under consideration for publication elsewhere, including on the Internet.

All articles undergo a thorough check for plagiarism; if plagiarism is found, the article will automatically be rejected and the author(s) will be banned from publishing in *Pharmaceutical Technology* and its sister publications.

Image, Figure, and Table Rights

The author must own the rights to all submitted images, tables, and figures. Graphics from other sources or third-party sources will not be accepted for publication.

License Agreement

The author and any coauthors are required to sign a license agreement before a manuscript is accepted for publication to provide UBM (Advanstar Communications) permission to publish the original article and its associated figures/tables in print and online.

Consult the *Pharmaceutical Technology* Submission Guidelines for complete instructions on article formatting, specifications for images and figures, style guides for references, figures, and more details.

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