



## **Guidelines for Methodological Reviews and Perspectives in Diabetes**

*Diabetes* considers two types of review articles: Methodological Reviews and Perspectives in Diabetes. **Methodological Reviews** provide a comprehensive, critical perspective of research topics and/or methodological approaches that are highly relevant to investigators in the field of diabetes research. It should be interpretative rather than a summary that describes various approaches that are available as well as their relative merits, limitations and specific applications.

**Perspectives in Diabetes** may highlight recent exciting research, not primarily that of the author(s), and may provide context for the findings within a field or explain potential interdisciplinary significance (similar to that of a Review Article). Invited Perspectives commenting on papers in *Diabetes* should add a dimension to the research and not merely be a summary of the experiments presented in the manuscript. It can also be a critical review which is more interpretational than a summary, and if justified by a strong rationale it can propose novel hypothesis.

**Please submit an outlined proposal** (according to guidelines below) for approval by the *Diabetes* Editorial Committee. If the proposal is approved, you will receive notification and guidelines and you may then submit your manuscript for review and possible publication in *Diabetes*.

The proposal should include:

- a detailed outline of the content of the proposed review;
- a general idea of the original literature to be summarized; and
- a bio of each author supporting his/her expertise in the area of the review.

The proposal should also:

- disclose whether the author(s) will write the entire article themselves, whether
- any form of sponsorship or honorarium for the material was received, and
- whether a pharmaceutical company, or its representative, was involved in
- funding or authorship;
- declare any potential conflict of interest with a company whose products will be
- discussed in the review; and
- explain why the author(s) feels this particular article is suited for *Diabetes* and
- why it would appeal to the readership.

It is anticipated that the author(s) will have worked and published in the area of the review.

Proposals should be submitted as Word documents to Jane Castner ([jcastner@diabetes.org](mailto:jcastner@diabetes.org)).

## **Proposal Outline**

### **Short Introduction Letter**

The letter should disclose expertise in the area and why the author(s) are suited to write the article. Also include the name of the journal (*Diabetes* or *Diabetes Care*), and be sure to provide complete contact information for the corresponding author.

## **Outline**

### Background/Introduction/Abstract

1. State which type of article you will be submitting: Methodological Review or Perspectives in Diabetes.
2. Discuss why this topic is important.
3. Explain the focus.

### Overview/Objective

1. List the major issues to be addressed.

### Literature Review

1. List the sources.
2. Include the year range (from year to year, inclusive).
3. Discuss the method used in the review of the literature or data.

### Topics of Review/Design/Participants/Outcome

1. Results
2. Conclusions

Author(s) Bio: Include a short biography on each author.

NOTE: If the proposal is approved, you will be sent guidelines for formatting the manuscript for submission. Submitted manuscripts will undergo a standard peer-review process; acceptance and publication is not guaranteed.