

Author Guidelines for Learning Materials in Biosciences

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Welcome to the **Learning Materials in Biosciences** textbook series! This page provides you with some important information on how to prepare your manuscript for the series (see below*).

Each **Learning Materials in Biosciences** textbook will treat a specific theme in a compact and concise manner. The textbooks aim to provide readers with detailed insights into the subject and the ability to autonomously complete exercises and solve given tasks, and further prepare for the way for independent additional thoughts and research on the topic.

Please adhere to the following guidelines:

- The final textbook should have between min. 150 – max. 400 printed pages, incl. figures and tables. One printed page equals about 4,000 characters incl. spaces.
- Start your textbook with an introductory text about the course/lecture(s) your book is based upon and explaining what the book will teach readers.

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- Each chapter has to start with a trailer paragraph entitled: **What you will learn in this chapter**, about 10-15 lines long.
- The main text has to contain colored figures.
- You may also include **Step-by Step Protocols**, and **Questions (please name accordingly) – Answers** should follow at the end of each chapter.
- Each chapter has to end with a **Take-Home Message** (use bullet points, if several messages are delivered).
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- Do not forget the Reference Section. Please follow **Numbered** citation and **Vancouver** reference style.
- You also may indicate additional literature for further reading (please name as **Further Reading**).
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- In order to tell us where to position your didactic elements, please name them accordingly, and add e.g. “Protocol starts” and “Protocol ends” , or “Question starts” and “Question ends” etc. at the respective position in the manuscript.
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