



## Introducing a New Article Type “Innovation Reports”: Venue for Communication & Dissemination of Collaborative Projects

Publicly funded projects and collaborative initiatives between academia and industry possess vast potential for driving progress and addressing critical challenges. However, their impact often hinges on effective communication and dissemination. Vital discoveries can remain underutilized if knowledge is trapped within research silos. To address this, the *Computational and Structural Biotechnology Journal* (CSBJ) proudly introduces a new article type: **Innovation Reports**. As part of our commitment to providing diverse and innovative content, this exciting article type aims to provide a dedicated platform for researchers and project teams to share the impact of their valuable work funded by grants or supported by national/international funding agencies, public-private partnership initiatives, and framework programs.

### Bridging the Gap between Research and Impact:

CSBJ recognizes that sharing project findings, outcomes, and best practices often transcends the confines of academic publications. **Innovation Reports** offer a unique opportunity to bridge the gap between research and its real-world applications. This new format allows project consortia, beneficiaries, and individual researchers to:

- ✓ **Disseminate project information:** Share summaries, overviews, and findings with a wider audience, including stakeholders, policy-makers, and the general public.
- ✓ **Highlight impact:** Showcase the tangible results and contributions of research projects to scientific advancement and societal progress.
- ✓ **Boost transparency and accountability:** Provide accessible information about the use of grant funding and the value delivered by research initiatives.

### Who Can Contribute?

We extend an open invitation to authors associated with newly funded, ongoing, or completed projects to submit manuscripts under the ‘**Innovation Reports**’ category. Whether you are part of a dynamic consortium or an individual beneficiary, this new article type provides an open-access venue for communication and dissemination.

The essence of innovation lies not just in discovery but in the collaborative efforts that drive progress. Recognizing the value of initiatives supported by grants and funding agencies, ‘**Innovation Reports**’ will showcase the diverse projects, their trajectories, and the impact they have on the society. This new article type aims to provide a comprehensive overview of projects at various stages - from inception to completion. We believe that by sharing these insights, we can foster a

collaborative spirit and inspire future endeavors.

### The Spectrum of Manuscript Contributions from Projects at Different Stages:

- **Newly funded projects:** Present a review of relevant literature or preliminary findings that led to the project’s initiation.
- **Ongoing projects:** Offer an overview of the project’s current status, progress, and methodologies employed.
- **Completed projects:** Share the main findings, outcomes, and potential future directions of the research.

### Tailored for Open Access:

As a fully open-access journal, CSBJ ensures that your **Innovation Report** reaches a global audience without paywalls or access restrictions. This maximizes the visibility and impact of your research and its potential contributions. Share your story, showcase your achievements, and contribute to a more transparent and impactful research landscape.

### The Importance of Communication and Dissemination:

- **Knowledge exchange and collaboration:** Disseminating findings sparks dialogue and collaboration across academic and industry boundaries, accelerating innovation and problem-solving.
- **Impact amplification:** By reaching a wider audience, projects gain visibility, attract potential partners, and inspire future research directions, multiplying their impact.
- **Policy and societal influence:** Sharing research outcomes can inform policy decisions, address societal needs, and contribute to positive change.
- **Sustainability and future impact:** Sharing your journey inspires further research, potential partnerships, and ultimately, paves the way for longer-lasting impact.

### Guidelines for Authors:

Authors submitting manuscripts under the ‘**Innovation Reports**’ category are encouraged to structure their contributions as shown in [Box 1](#).

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**Box 1: “Innovation Reports” Article Structure.****1. Introduction**

- Provide a brief background and context of the project.
- Highlight the importance and objectives of the research, innovation, or collaboration.

**2. Project Description**

- Describe the project’s scope, objectives, and methodologies.
- Include details about the consortium, collaborators, and funding sources.

**3. Impact***Pre-project Results (for new projects)*

- Present a review of relevant literature or preliminary findings that led to the initiation of the project.
- Discuss the rationale for the project, including gaps in knowledge and the need for further investigation.
- Provide an overview of the theoretical framework or conceptual basis for the project.

(OR)

*Midway Results (for ongoing projects).*

- Present an overview of the project’s current status and progress.
- Discuss any preliminary findings and challenges faced.
- Provide relevant data and results.

(OR)

*Results and Outcomes (for completed projects)*

- Share the main findings and outcomes of the project.
- Include data, graphs, tables, and figures to support the results.
- Explain the impact and implications of the research or innovation.

**4. Discussion**

- Interpret the results and discuss their significance.
- Compare the findings to existing literature and previous work.
- Address any limitations or potential future directions.

**5. Conclusion**

- Summarize the key takeaways from the project.
- Emphasize the practical applications and potential for innovation.

**6. Acknowledgments**

- Recognize funding agencies, partners, and collaborators.
- Mention any additional grants or support received.

**7. References**

- Cite all relevant sources.