

Setting Standards

We see it as an important task of the journal to help to set standards in the field of medicinal plant research. Standards concerning methods to be used, and what should be considered as an interesting activity. This should support the further development of the field, and avoid work on less promising projects. We invite all readers to make a proposal for such a standard paper or to write a commentary that will help to further develop the field.

Please see the below examples of such standard papers. Note that these articles are available **free of charge** on the journal homepage.

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