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Become a Published Researcher: Your Plan for Success



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Origins & development of Scholarly Publishing



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Publications by Journal quartile

Share of publications per Journal quartile by CiteScore Percentile



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Quartiles	Publications 🕜	Publication share (%)
Q1 (top 25%)	14,811	54.5
Q 2 (26% - 50%)	7,485	27.5
Q 3 (51% - 75%)	3,263	12.0
Q 4 (76% - 100%)	1,625	6.0

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Collaboration 0

Scholarly Output at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, by amount of international, national and institutional collaboration

Metric		Scholarly Output	Citations	
International collaboration	54.8%	15,758	317,322	
 Only national collaboration 	28.6%	8,219	47,235	
Only institutional collaboration	11.7%	3,368	19,868	
Single authorship (no collaboration)	4.9%	1,398	3,388	



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Workshop Outline

• Overview of the submission and review process

 Preparing your manuscript for initial submission – what works, what doesn't

 Preparing your manuscript for re-submission after peer review – do's and don'ts

The Peer Review Process



Michael Derntl. Basics of Research Paper Writing and Publishing. http://dbis.rwth-aachen.de/~derntl/papers/misc/paperwriting.pdf

Select the best journal for submission..., not easy!

- Look at **your references** these should help you narrow your choices.
- Review recent publications in each "candidate journal". Find out the hot topics, the accepted types of articles, etc.
- Ask yourself the following questions:
 - ✓ Is the journal **peer-reviewed** to the right level?
 - ✓ Who is this journal's audience?
 - ✓ How fast does it make a decision or publish your paper?
 - ✓ What are the various Impact metrics for the journal?
 - ✓ Do you want/need to publish **Open Access**?
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- Inappropriate (or no) suggested reviewers
- Inadequate standard of English
- Resubmission of rejected manuscripts without revision
- Inadequate response to reviewers



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Why publish and What to publish

Your personal reason for publishing



However, editors, reviewers, and the research community **don't consider**

these reasons when assessing your work – the content counts!

Questions to answer before you write

Think about **WHY** you want to publish your work.

- Is it new and interesting?
- Is it a current hot topic?
- Have you provided solutions to some difficult problems?

Are you ready to publish at this point?



What to publish?



You need a STRONG, EFFECTIVE manuscript to present your contributions to the scientific community.

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A good manuscript has

- good CONTENT
 ✓ useful and exciting
- a good PRESENTATION of the data
 ✓ clear and logically constructed

Scientific significance must be EASY to grasp

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Scientific Language – Sentences

✓ Write direct and short sentences – more professional looking

✓ **One idea** or piece of information per sentence is sufficient

✓ Pay attention to punctuation

X Avoid multiple statements in one sentence – they are confusing to the reader.

- Let's eat grandpa!!
- Let's eat, grandpa...



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Typical article structure

Typical Structure of a Research Article



- Title
- Abstract
- Keywords
- Main text (IMRAD)
 - Introduction
 - <u>M</u>ethods
 - <u>R</u>esults
 And
 - <u>D</u>iscussions
- Conclusion
- Acknowledgement
- References
- Supplementary Data

Make them **easy for indexing** and searching! (informative, attractive, effective)

Journal space is not unlimited

Your reader's **time** is **scarce**.

Make your article **as concise as possible** - more difficult than you imagine!

Article Type: different layout. Topic: Social sciences more discussion and less data.

The process of writing – building the article



The process of writing – building the article



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Effective titles

> Mol Pharmacol. 2006 Dec;70(6):1841-3. doi: 10.1124/mol.106.031062. Epub 2006 Sep 25.

Baffled by bafilomycin: an anticancer agent that induces hypoxia-inducible factor-1alpha expression

✓ Articles with short, catchy titles are often better cited

✓ Attract readers - Remember: readers are the potential authors who will cite your article

Keywords

In an "electronic world", keywords determine whether your article is found or not!



Abstract

- One paragraph (between 50-250 words), plus Highlight bullet points
- Advertisement for your article which encourages reading the entire paper
- A clear abstract will **strongly influence** if your work is considered further
- Tell readers what you did and the important findings

Graphite intercalation compounds (GICs) of composition $CxN(SO2CF3)2 \cdot \delta F$ are prepared under ambient conditions in 48% hydrofluoric acid, using K2MnF6 as an oxidizing reagent. The stage 2 GIC product structures are determined using powder XRD and modeled by fitting one dimensional electron density profiles.

A new digestion method followed by selective fluoride electrode elemental analyses allows the determination of free fluoride within products, and the compositional x and δ parameters are determined for reaction times from 0.25 to 500 h.

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What are the main findings

What has been

done

Introduction

The place to convince readers why your work is relevant

Answer a series of questions:

- What is the problem, scientific question....?
- Are there any existing solutions?
- Which one is the best?
- What is its main limitation?
- What do you hope to achieve?

Methods / Experimental

- ✓ Include all **important details** so that the reader **can repeat** the work
 - Details that were previously published can be omitted but a general summary of those experiments should be included
- Give vendor names (and addresses) of equipment etc. used
- ✓ All chemicals must be identified
 - Do not use proprietary, unidentifiable compounds without description. State purity and/or supplier if it is important
- Present proper control experiments
- Avoid adding comments and discussion
- \checkmark Write in the past tense
 - Most journals prefer the passive voice, some the active
- ✓ Consider use of Supplementary Materials
 - Documents, spreadsheets, audio, video, ...

Reviewers will criticize incomplete or incorrect method descriptions, and may even recommend rejection

Results – what have you found?

The following should be included

✓ the main findings

• Thus not *all* findings. Decide what to share.



- Findings from experiments described in the Methods section
- ✓ Highlight findings that differ from findings in previous publications, and unexpected findings
- ✓ Results of the statistical analysis

Results – Figures and tables

Illustrations are critical, because:

- Figures and tables are the most efficient way to present results
- Results are the **driving force** of the publication
- Captions and legends must be detailed enough to make figures and tables self-explanatory
- Figures and tables should not need further explanation or description in text. Less writing and less reading
 Let your figures do the work instead of words

"One Picture is Worth a Thousand Words" Sue Hanauer (1968)



✓ Un-crowded plots

 ✓ 3 or 4 data sets per figure; well-selected scales; appropriate axis label size; symbols clear to read; data sets easily distinguishable



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- Do not include long boring tables!



Discussion – what do your results mean?

- It is the most important section of your article. Here you get the chance to SELL your data! Many manuscripts are rejected because the Discussion is weak
- Check for the following:
 - ✓ Do your results relate to the original question or objectives outlined in the Introduction section?
 - ✓ Do you provide interpretation for each of your results presented?
 - ✓ Are your results consistent with what other investigators have reported?
 Or are there any differences? Why?
 - ✓ Are there any limitations?
 - ✓ Does the discussion logically lead to your conclusion?
- Do not:
 - K Make statements that go beyond what the results can support
 - Suddenly introduce new terms or ideas

Conclusions

- ✓ Present global and specific conclusions
- ✓ Indicate uses and extensions if appropriate

Suggest future experiments and indicate whether they are underway

- > Do not summarize the paper
 - The abstract is for that purpose
- × Avoid judgments about impact
 - Others can comment, you should not

References: get them right!

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Supplementary Material

- Data of **secondary importance** for the main scientific thrust of the article
 - e.g. individual curves, when a representative curve or a mean curve is given in the article itself
- Or data that do not fit into the main body of the article
 - e.g. audio, video,
- **Original figures** before color correction or trimming for clarity
- Not part of the printed article
 - Will be available online with the published paper
- Must relate to, and support, the article

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Principles



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 - ✓ Write, and re-write
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 - ✓ Ask colleagues and supervisor to review your manuscript. Ask them to be highly critical and *be open to their suggestions*.
 - ✓ Make changes to incorporate comments and suggestions. Get all <u>co-authors to approve</u> version to submit.

Then it is the point in time to submit your article!



Revising and Re-submitting Your Paper For Publication



First Decision: "Accepted" or "Rejected"

Rejected

- Probability 40-90% ...
- Do not despair
 - It happens to everybody
- Try to understand WHY
 - Consider reviewers' advice
 - Be self-critical
- Revise intelligently
 - Take advantage of the reviewers' comments and revise accordingly
 - Read the Guide for Authors again.

First Decision: "Major" or "Minor" Revision

- Major revision
 - The manuscript could potentially be published in the journal HOWEVER -
 - Significant deficiencies must be corrected before re-review and potential acceptance
 - Usually involves (significant) textual modifications and/or additional experiments

The Peer Review Process – Revisions



Michael Derntl. Basics of Research Paper Writing and Publishing. http://dbis.rwth-aachen.de/~derntl/papers/misc/paperwriting.pdf

First Decision: "Major" or "Minor" Revision

Follow These Steps:

✓ Be consistent

✓ Check and recheck before submitting

✓ Tell a logical, clear, story about your findings – AND their importance

✓ Take note of referees' comments. Thoroughly address them – it will improve your paper

This should increase the likelihood of your paper being accepted, and being accepted means being published!

Three Golden Rules for Responding to Reviewers Comments

Rule 1: Answer completely

Rule 2: Answer politely

Rule 3: Answer with evidence

Williams H.C. (2004). How to reply to peer review comments when submitting papers for publication.

Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology, 51, 79–83.

Manuscript Revision

- Prepare a detailed **Response Letter**
 - ✓ Copy-paste <u>each</u> reviewer comment, and type your response below it
 - ✓ State specifically which changes you have made to the manuscript
 - ✓ Include page/line numbers
 - No general statements like "Comment accepted, and Discussion changed accordingly."
 - ✓ Provide a *scientific* response to reviewer comments...
 - ✓ or a convincing, solid and <u>polite</u> rebuttal when you feel the reviewer was wrong.
 - ✓ Write in such a manner that your response can be forwarded to the reviewer without prior editing
- Do not "strike back" at reviewers or editors!

Manuscript Revision

.....Why run the risk of avoidable rejection by not taking manuscript revision seriously?

Tips for Responding and Revising

- Take a deep breath answer politely and objectively
- Give point-by-point responses in detail!
- Provide succinct, well-reasoned responses not arguments!
- Pay attention to detail they are important!
- Take advantage of reviewer advice
- If reviewers are wrong, say so (politely), but provide strong evidence for your point-of-view
- Respect word count restrictions use supplementary material if needed

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Revising A Paper – More Tips

- If unsure, ask!
- Respond politely, promptly, and thoroughly if the time allotted is insufficient, contact the editor and ask for an extension
- Include a cover letter to the editor and make your case
- Remember it may well go out for peer review again it takes time!
- No one is immune from peer review and the necessity of thorough revision and explanation
- Revisions may require new experiments
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