

HOW TO GET YOUR MANUSCRIPT PUBLISHED


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MANUSCRIPT PREPARATION

- **SELECT THE TOPIC FOR MANUSCRIPT DEVELOPMENT**
 - **IDEALLY IT SHOULD BE NARROWLY FOCUSED**
 - **IF INVESTIGATIVE, IT SHOULD BE HYPOTHESIS DRIVEN**






**DEVELOP AN OUTLINE OF
THE VARIOUS COMPONENTS
TO BE INCLUDED IN THE
MANUSCRIPT**






MANUSCRIPT PREPARATION COMPONENTS

- **ABSTRACT**
 - **INTRODUCTION**
 - **MATERIALS (POPULATION INVESTIGATED)**
 - **METHODS (METHODOLOGY UTILIZED IN THE INVESTIGATION)**
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MANUSCRIPT PREPARATION COMPONENTS

- **RESULTS (LIMIT TO PRESENTATION OF RESULTS INTERPRETATION)**
 - **DISCUSSION (INTERPRET RESULTS AND COMPARE/CONTRAST WITH PRIOR DATA IN THE LITERATURE)(NOT TOO EXHAUSTIVE)**
 - **CONCLUDING PARAGRAPH WITH SINGLE TAKE HOME MESSAGE**
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MANUSCRIPT PREPARATION

- **INVOLVE YOUR CO-AUTHORS**
 - **LIMIT NUMBER TO THOSE WITH SIGNIFICANT INVOLVEMENT IN DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT, AND TO THOSE INVOLVED IN COMPILING THE DATA AND COLLABORATING IN DEVELOPING THE MANUSCRIPT**
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MANUSCRIPT PREPARATION

- **IDENTIFY THE JOURNAL TO WHICH YOU INTEND TO SUBMIT THE MANUSCRIPT FOR PEER REVIEW AND PUBLICATION**
 - **READ INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS OF THE IDENTIFIED JOURNAL TO ASCERTAIN THE PRECISE FORMAT PRIOR TO MANUSCRIPT DEVELOPMENT**
 - **FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS PRECISELY ONCE MANUSCRIPT DEVELOPMENT IS INITIATED**
 - **SPECIFICALLY FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING FORMAT FOR ABSTRACT AND REFERENCES**






MANUSCRIPT PREPARATION

- **PRIOR TO INITIATING MANUSCRIPT DEVELOPMENT YOU CAN CONTACT THE JOURNAL (EDITOR) TO DETERMINE IF THE SPECIFIC JOURNAL IS APPROPRIATE AND INTERESTED IN THE MANUSCRIPT BEING DEVELOPED**






MANUSCRIPT PREPARATION

- **IF YOU AND/OR ONE OF YOUR CO-AUTHORS IS NOT A NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKER AND YOU INTEND TO SUBMIT THE MANUSCRIPT IN ENGLISH, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU IDENTIFY SOMEONE WITH THE APPROPRIATE SCIENTIFIC BACKGROUND WHO IS PROFICIENT IN ENGLISH AND WHO WILL COLLABORATE WITH YOU AND YOUR CO-AUTHORS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MANUSCRIPT**
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MANUSCRIPT PREPARATION

- **A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR CONTRIBUTING TO ADVERSE REVIEWS IN THE PEER REVIEW PROCESS IS THE DIFFICULTY REVIEWERS HAVE INTERPRETING CONCEPTS BECAUSE OF AWKWARD UTILIZATION OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE AS WELL AS POOR ENGLISH GRAMMAR**
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MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSION

- **IN ORDER TO ASSIST THE EDITOR IN THE PEER REVIEW PROCESS MANY JOURNALS REQUEST THAT AUTHORS IDENTIFY EXPERTS WHO COULD PROVIDE PEER REVIEW OF THE MANUSCRIPT**
 - **IT IS QUITE HELPFUL TO THE EDITOR AND TO THE PEER REVIEW PROCESS FOR EXPERT REVIEWERS TO BE IDENTIFIED BY AUTHORS**
 - **MAKE SURE THE INDIVIDUAL(S) SUGGESTED HAVE APPROPRIATE CREDENTIALS!**
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MANUSCRIPT PREPARATION


● LENGTH OF MANUSCRIPT

- BE AS CONCISE AS POSSIBLE
 - DO NOT DISCUSS RESULTS IN RESULT SECTION
 - DO NOT REITERATE THE RESULTS IN DISCUSSION
 - INFORMATION IN THE INTRODUCTION SHOULD NOT BE REPEATED IN THE DISCUSSION
 - NUMBER OF REFERENCES SHOULD NOT BE EXHAUSTIVE BUT SHOULD BE PRECISE
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MANUSCRIPT PREPARATION

● TABLES / FIGURES

- USE TABLES TO ILLUSTRATE DATA IN A CONCISE MANNER
 - DO NOT REPEAT DATA ILLUSTRATED IN A TABLE IN THE RESULTS SECTION
 - USE FIGURES TO ILLUSTRATE A PHENOMENON THAT CAN NOT BE ADEQUATELY DISCUSSED VERBALLY
 - IF A FIGURE DOES NOT ILLUSTRATE THE PHENOMENON PRECISELY, DO NOT USE IT
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MANUSCRIPT RE-SUBMISSION

- **ADDRESS EACH CRITICISM (SUGGESTION) OF EACH REVIEWER IN A TRANSMITTAL LETTER AND SPECIFY CHANGES MADE IN RESPONSE TO THE REVIEWER**
 - **YOU DO NOT NEED TO ACCEPT EACH CRITICISM (SUGGESTION) OF THE REVIEWERS; HOWEVER, YOU NEED TO SUBSTANTIATE YOUR POSITION IN THE TRANSMITTAL LETTER**
 - **HIGHLIGHT THE COMPONENTS OF THE REVISION IN THE REVISED TEXT TO BE SUBMITTED**
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MANUSCRIPT RE-SUBMISSION

- **WHAT DO YOU DO WITH A MANUSCRIPT THAT IS REJECTED?**





MANUSCRIPT RE-SUBMISSION

- **SOLICIT THE EDITOR FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT A REVISION**
 - **YOU MUST CONVINCe THE EDITOR THAT YOU CAN ADEQUATELY ADDRESS THE REVIEWERS CONCERNS**
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MANUSCRIPT RE-SUBMISSION

● SUBMIT TO ANOTHER JOURNAL

- MAKE SURE THAT YOU REVISE THE MANUSCRIPT TO CONFORM TO THE FORMAT OF THE NEW JOURNAL**
 - ADDRESS THE REVIEWERS CRITICISM PRIOR TO SUBMITTING TO A NEW JOURNAL**
 - JOURNALS NOT INFREQUENTLY UTILIZE THE SAME REVIEWER AND IF NO ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO ADDRESS THE REVIEWERS CONCERNS THE OUTCOME WILL BE THE SAME**
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