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Topics

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What editors suggest?

Common mistakes

How to choose a journal

What editors suggest?

Editor's suggestion:

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=How+to+Get+Published+in+a+Peer+Reviewed+Journal+Part

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-plfe8DYvN4&t=241s>

Common mistakes

Being rejected – writing problems

<https://www.elsevier.com/authors-update/story/publishing-tips/5-ways-you-can-ensure-your-manuscript-avoids-the-desk-reject-pile>

Writing style

- Clear
- Unambiguous
- Unemotional
- No misplaced abbreviations
- Science, not journalism
- Formatted headings

Common pitfalls - introduction

- Not comprehensive / no context which relates the study to the wider research discipline
- Too focused on a few key sources
- Fails to generate a rationale for the study

Methods – common problems

- Methods not described adequately
- Methods used are inappropriate
- Appropriate method not included
- No quantification of error of measurement
- Misuse of statistics – e.g.
 - to use correlation as agreement
 - failure to adjust for multiple comparisons
 - lack of effect size measurements
 - Inadequate test used
 - Etc.

Discussion – Key weaknesses in rejected papers

- No comparison with literature
- Re-statement of results
- No inference / implication for knowledge or professional practice
- No balancing up of the strengths and weaknesses
- No pointing to what this study had added and what needs to be researched

Conclusions – weaknesses in rejected papers

- Long and rambling
- Conflated with future research needs
- Not supported by evidence
- Say the same thing in several points
- Absent!

Top 7 misdemeanors in rejected manuscripts

- No ethical permission
- Article is incapable of being understood because English is so poor
- Study design is fundamentally flawed
- Discussion is a simple re-statement of the results
- Conclusions are not supported by the study data
- Study cannot be generalized to a wider population
- Study lacks sufficient importance to pass the “so-what?” test

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How to choose a journal?

Where the papers you cite were published?

Are these journals impacted?

Are these journals predatory?

Journal suggesters

- Taylor & Francis group:

<https://authorservices.taylorandfrancis.com/publishing-your-research/choosing-a-journal/journal-suggester/>

- Elsevier:

<https://journalfinder.elsevier.com/>

- Springer:

<https://journalsuggester.springer.com/>

Journal suggester:

- Sage:

<https://en-author-services.edanz.com/journal-selector/publisher/sage#>

- Wiley:

<https://journalfinder.wiley.com/search?type=match>

Journal suggester:

- American Journal Experts

<https://www.journalguide.com/>

- Conpher:

<https://conpher.com/>

- Country of papers:

<http://www.countryofpapers.com/search-journals>