HOW TO GET YOUR RESEARCH WORK PUBLISHED

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WHAT ARE WE GOING TO COVER?

1. Choose the right journal
2. Follow Instructions to Authors
3. Consider other guidelines
4. Create your team
5. Prepare your paper
   - IMRAD structure
   - Other tips
1. CHOOSE THE RIGHT JOURNAL

- Consider your audience
- Do a bit of research
- Read ‘Instructions to Authors’
- Other factors to be considered: IF, publication speed, OA
1. CHOOSE THE RIGHT JOURNAL

http://www.biosemantics.org/jane/
2. FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS

Not following instructions is an unwise reason to get rejected
3. CONSIDER OTHER GUIDELINES

http://www.equator-network.org/
4. CREATE YOUR TEAM

- Rules about authorship should have been agreed at the beginning of the study
- Who is an author?
- Agree a timetable and a list of responsibilities

1. Substantial contributions to the conception or design of the work; or the acquisition, analysis, or interpretation of data for the work; AND
2. Drafting the work or revising it critically for important intellectual content; AND
3. Final approval of the version to be published; AND
4. Agreement to be accountable for all aspects of the work in ensuring that questions related to the accuracy or integrity of any part of the work are appropriately investigated and resolved.
5. PREPARE YOUR PAPER – OUTLINE

- Prepare an outline with bullet points
- Add references
- Level of detail from simple to thorough
- The more you work on it, the quicker you will write your paper
- All the authors to agree

Introduction
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5. PREPARE YOUR PAPER – OUTLINE

• Work on all the sections
• Possible order:
  • Methods->Results->Introduction->Discussion->Abstract
• Convert the outline to 1st draft -> agree with authors
5. PREPARE YOUR PAPER – INTRODUCTION

• Review of the literature and rationale
• Around 500 words BUT check Instructions to Authors
• All the statements to be supported by references
• Do not plagiarize published material
• Do not include a summary of the results
5. PREPARE YOUR PAPER – METHODS

• Summary of methodology to carry out the research
• Enough detail for others to repeat the study
• Include ethical statements
• Statistical analyses and references to support them
• Do not include any results
• Do not include any tables or figures
5. PREPARE YOUR PAPER – RESULTS

- Provide clear results of the study
- Describe briefly tables and figures BUT
- Do not repeat in text what is reported in them
- Do not make conclusions
5. PREPARE YOUR PAPER – DISCUSSION

• Start with a summary of key findings BUT
  ▪ Do not repeat results
  ▪ Do not add new data

• Strengths and weaknesses

• Comparisons with other similar studies

• Implications

• Future research
5. PREPARE YOUR PAPER – ABSTRACT

• Write the abstract when paper finalized

• Structured/unstructured -> follow Instructions to Authors

• Clear and complete

• Often it is the only section that is read
5. PREPARE YOUR PAPER – OTHER TIPS

• Check spelling and grammar very carefully

• Ask a colleague to review your paper

• Ensure references follow the required format

• Ensure references cited in text appear in bibliography

• Carefully choose the title of your paper

• Avoid plagiarism

• Do not submit your paper to several journals
5. PREPARE YOUR PAPER – OTHER TIPS

http://www.inasp.info/en/work/authoraid/
5. PREPARE YOUR PAPER – OTHER TIPS

http://www.ease.org.uk/publications/ease-toolkit-authors
THANKS FOR LISTENING

GOOD LUCK!