

# Writing for Publication

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*Improved health of  
Your Patients and  
Populations*

**Publish Your  
Results**

**Data Analysis**



# Writing Research Publications

## ■ Before the Writing Begins

- I don't know what to say
- I don't have time to sit down and write
- I don't know how to write a paper

## ■ When I finally begin

- Who do I write for
- What do I write first
- What are the components of the paper and what needs to go where
- Submit the Manuscript

- After Submission
  - Rejection of Papers
  - Revising Papers

I don't know what to say

*The hmmm... time*

- Read the published literature
  - PubMed; Medline;
  - Google
- Read local unpublished literature



Define the knowledge gap

I have  
something  
VERY  
important  
to tell the world

I have no time to write

If you thought it was important  
enough you will find time

Yeah Right!!

But sometimes there are things which  
really can't wait **EXCEPT PAPER  
WRITING**



# I have no time to write

Scheduled time for writing research paper  
like the clinical work.

Learned to work in small blocks of time

Worked with a group

# I don't know how to write a paper

Find a Writing Mentor

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Read Papers/Publications

Finally decided to write the  
paper...

So where do you want to send  
it?

# What do I write first?

Abstract

Introduction

Methodology

Results

Discussion

# How do I actually write the manuscript?

- Bulleted Outline
- Introduction – the “Why” of the study
  - What is “known”
  - What is “unknown”
  - What does this study tell us about the “unknown” – the objective of the study

# How do I actually write the manuscript?

- Methodology – the “How” of the study
- Result – the “What” of the Study
- Discussion – the “So What” of the Study
  - How is this new knowledge helpful
  - But what are the limitations of this new knowledge
  - Conclusion

# Now that I have Written the First Draft

Revisions and Revisions and Revisions  
and.....

*22 revisions*

# Now that everyone is happy

- My English Language Skills ??
  - Get the manuscript checked by a person who has good written English language skills
- Final Check for Fonts, Spaces, Style etc
- Write the Cover Letter
  - Describe why do you think this should be of interest to this particular journal



Submit

**Wait**

**And Wait**

Dear Dr. Razzak,

Thank you for submitting your manuscript entitled “xxxx” to our journal. After initial review, we regret to inform you that we cannot accept your manuscript because that

your manuscript does not alkdj lkdjflsdjfl ljjfl llk lksd kiwor lkad lknnl lkxdf oiwe llk f lkxdf lmmnl oio llkn

# Dealing with Rejection

- Denial
- Anger
- Depression
- Acceptance

# Common Causes of Rejection

- Wrong Journal
- Failure to comply with instructions to authors
- Paper is poorly written
- Your paper is really bad science
  - Revise the paper
  - Resubmit

Dear Dr. Razzak,

Thank you for submitting your manuscript entitled “xxxx” to our journal. Our reviewers have raised a number of questions in the attached feedback. We would like to reconsider your manuscript provided you respond to the attached queries appropriately.

# Responding to Reviewers

- Read the reviewers comments carefully.
- You may not like them, but you still need to consider them seriously
- Make appropriate changes
- Write a point by point reply
- Write another cover letter – thanking the editor again!



**Wait**



# Summary

- Know what you want to say
- Schedule paper writing
- Write with someone who knows how to write
- Read good journal articles
- Make an Outline of the Manuscript
- Read the Instruction to Authors
- Get the language checked out
- Be patient
- Be persistent

Thank You and Good Luck