

Why Publish and How

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ABSTRACT

One of the main reasons for putting together a research paper and have it published in a journal is to complete the project. A research project should not end in just a presentation at a meeting, workshop or a conference. A new knowledge or a discovery should be shared with other scientists and professionals. It should end up in a respectable journal where the paper gets the chance to be peer-reviewed to make sure that the results are credible and can be validated by other scientists. Such a publication would also prevent others from wasting their time trying to discover it again. There are of course other reasons especially in a publish or perish environment where job security is normally desired. Different journals have different requirements and the formatting of papers to be submitted usually varies from one journal to another. Some specialized studies need to be submitted to the journal that is meant for such studies. In this presentation, the standard procedures for putting together and for submitting a journal paper will be discussed. Also, the review process and some of the typical problems that oftentimes lead to the rejection of a paper will be summarized. There is no recipe for ensuring the publication of a paper in a journal but that are ways to optimize the chance of getting them published.

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