

How to Publish in English Language International Scientific Journals

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Outlines

- **Two Basic Requirements: Good Research and Good English.**
- **Choose the Right Journal.**
- **The Writing of the Paper.**
- **The References.**
- **The Suggested Reviewers.**
- **The Rebuttals.**

Good Research

- Have an idea and form a hypothesis.
- Literature search.
- Experimental design.
- Carry out the experiments.
- Record the results.
- Format the discussion.
- Always have the paper in mind.

US Education System

- **BS is for generalist.**
- **MS is for technical experience.**
- **PhD is for independent thinking with emphasis on creativity, novelty, and discussion ability.**
- **Writing and publication are involved at all levels.**

Good English

- Write English English, not Chinese English.
- Be aware of sentence structure and use of words.
- Have native English speaking person review the writing.
- Many good research papers are rejected due to poor English writing.

Choose the Right Journal

- **Paper contents must fit with the Journal's intended coverage areas and readership.** i.e., Food Control, the International Journal of HACCP and Food Safety
- **From your cited References, you can tell if it is a fit.**
- **Useful website:**
www.elsevier.com/journal-authors/publishing-process

The writing of the Paper

- **Abstract is the most important part of the Paper. Must be brief but to the point.** Usually, only 5-6 sentences with the 1st one stating the objective of the paper, 2nd, the method used, 3rd and 4th the results, 5th, the discussion and the 6th the conclusion.
- **Introduction needs to be relevant, comprehensive, related to the research but not over-bearing.**

The Writing of the Paper II

- **Methods need to be detailed and precise.**
- **Results, Discussions and Conclusion need to be clear (this is where good English become extremely important), and all statements must be supported by relevant references.**

The References

- **List of References tells a lot about your paper:** Recent year reference directly related to your research must be comprehensive. Avoid using internet and symposium processing citations as possible. Avoid using citations in Chinese language (as they are not available to reviewers.) Cite international journals related to the coverage areas of the submitted journals. Citation of the same journal papers are always looked upon favorably.

The Suggested Reviewers

- **If required, list reviewers from foreign countries other than China. (citing of only Chinese scientists show that the authors do not know who are the international experts in this research field.)**
- **If do not know foreign scientists, look up in the recent references when doing literature search.**

The Rebuttal

- If rejected but you think it is unjustified, send in rebuttals with sound reasons. The Editors may reconsider your paper.
- When doing rebuttals, be very polite and not using improper words, so as not to get black-listed by Editors.

Last word

- Research must have “novelty”.
- English must meet world readership standard.