

6 TIPS TO AVOID JOURNAL REJECTION



Description

In scholarly publishing, the most crucial time for authors is when they have submitted their manuscript to a journal and are awaiting the response of acceptance. However, journal rejection is a constant problem faced by researchers when they submit their articles to be published in a journal. Such instances can be very discouraging to authors who usually spend many years planning their research, securing research funding, compiling and analyzing the data, and making sound conclusions that would benefit their readers. Therefore, before submitting their paper to a journal, the author must always check some background information about the journal. Understanding the most common reasons for rejection will help ensure that their manuscript receives a thorough review so that they can address any questions and concerns and resubmit. In this infographic, we provide some useful tips to help authors better their chances at getting published.

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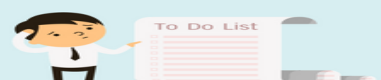
1. CHOICE OF JOURNAL

- Make sure that your manuscript is within the **scope of the journal** and its target audience.
- **Seek advice** from senior researchers before shortlisting a journal.
- Always submit to **one journal at a time** and never re-submit to the same journal if rejected.



2. FOLLOW AUTHOR GUIDELINES

- **Adhere to all instructions** in the journal guidelines & highlight the key points.
- Prepare a checklist and **check all the points** before submission.
- **Hire a science editor** to help you out with these instructions if you lack time.



3. AVOID DUPLICATION & PLAGIARISM

- Always acknowledge sources through **proper referencing**.
- **Avoid paraphrasing** content from a source.
- Use a **plagiarism detection tool** to check for any inadvertent plagiarism in your manuscript.



4. SIGNIFICANCE OF RESEARCH

- Publish only **significant or new findings**.
- Clearly **highlight the novel properties** of your research to justify publication.
- **Choose a low impact journal** if results are insignificant.



5. TECHNICAL FLAWS

- **Avoid discrepancies** between the Abstract and manuscript.
- Ensure that the Results and Conclusions **answer the study question**.
- Ask all authors to **check the manuscript at least twice** for inaccuracies.
- Have your paper edited by a **professional editing service** to improve its overall quality.



6. ADDRESS ETHICAL CONCERNS

- Agree on authorship before writing the manuscript and ensure all authors **meet the authorship criteria**.
- Disclose all potential **conflicts of interest** in the manuscript and to the journal editor.
- **Adhere to the ethical guidelines** and indicate that the study has proper approvals.



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