



Ask the Editor

A Panel Discussion on Common Manuscript
Errors and Ways to Avoid Them

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Discussion Topics

- Title & Abstract
- Content
- Formatting
- Submission
- Review Process

Title & Abstract

- Literature searches return title & abstract
- Title choice based on content
 - Running Heads
- Abstract content & organization
 - Concise & accurate
- The importance of keyword choices
- Full literature search vs. electronic available literature

Content

- When do you have sufficient material for a publication?
- Sloppy Data, Fractured Data, Incomplete Data
- Data falsification and omissions
- Plagiarism/ Self-Plagiarism

Content

- Writing Clearly
 - English, Grammar, Style
 - Concise vs. Verbose
 - Qualifiers, redundancy/ obvious statements
- Manuscript Proportions
 - Amount of data relative to discussion length

Formatting

- Submit a *final* draft – final author formatting
- Microsoft Word spelling & grammar checks
- Details, **Details**, **Details**
- Check the *Journal Guidelines*
- Proper formatting for resubmission to a different journal

Submission

- Where should you submit your data for first publication?
- Chose a journal appropriate to your experiment and your data
- Use ***appropriate terminology*** for your audience and the discipline in which you choose to publish (biology, chemistry, molecular)
- Check the ***Journal Guidelines***

Reviewing Process

- Cover Letter
- Invited & Recommended Reviewers
- After the comments have been received

Panel Member Journal Info:

- **Journal of Natural Products**

- <http://pubs.acs.org/journals/jnprdf/index.html>

- Author Instructions:

- <http://pubs.acs.org/paragonplus/submission/jnprdf/index.html>

- **Journal of Chemical Ecology**

- <http://www.springerlink.com/content/104273>

- Author Instructions:

- <http://www.springer.com/life+sci/ecology/journal/10886>

- **Phytochemistry**

- http://www.elsevier.com/wps/find/journaldescription.cws_home/273/description#description

- Author Instructions:

- http://www.elsevier.com/wps/find/journaldescription.cws_home/273/authorinstructions

- **Pharmaceutical Biology**

- <http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/13880209.asp>

- Author Instructions:

- <http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/authors/nphbauth.pdf>



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