



# Preparing for publication

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# Co-authorship

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## Authorship is based on:

- Substantial contributions to the conception or design of the work; or the acquisition, analysis, or interpretation of data for the work; AND
  - Drafting the work or revising it critically for important intellectual content; AND
  - Final approval of the version to be published; AND
  - Agreement to be accountable for all aspects of the work in ensuring that questions related to the accuracy or integrity of any part of the work are appropriately investigated and resolved.
- Share decision making with all co-authors
    - Order of author names on the manuscript
    - Choice of journal
    - Editing and submission of manuscript

See <http://www.icmje.org/recommendations/browse/roles-and-responsibilities/>

# Choice of journal

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- Is it peer reviewed?
- Look at the Scope & Aims section publisher's website
- Types of articles accepted (i.e. reviews)
- What other articles have they published on this topic?
  - Can these be cited in the introduction?
- Journal Impact Factor vs reach
- Which databases is it indexed in?
- Journal submission requirements



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# Preparing the manuscript

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- Significant editing required
  - Most especially in the introduction and conclusions to tie in with the journal's aims and previously published work
  - Follow reporting guidelines – see [EQUATOR Network](#)
  - Word count
- Relevance to the reader
  - Less: *this is what I did*
  - More: [\*this is a significant issue and here is an important contribution to our knowledge and understanding\*](#)
  - Don't leave the editor to decipher how this is relevant for their readers
  - Tips for a cover letter to the editor:  
<https://authorservices.taylorandfrancis.com/writing-a-cover-letter/>
- Writing style
  - see annotated article: <https://www.authoraid.info/uploads/resources/annotated-journal-article-1.pdf>

# Resources

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BMC Writing Resources

<https://www.biomedcentral.com/getpublished/writing-resources>

Academic Phrasebank

<http://www.phrasebank.manchester.ac.uk/>

Author Aid

<https://www.authoraid.info/en/resources/>

American Psychological Association

<https://www.apa.org/pubs/authors/new-author-guide.pdf>

International Committee of Medical Journal Editors

<http://www.icmje.org/recommendations/browse/manuscript-preparation/>



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