



Publishing the MRP: US & International Audiences

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Questions to Ask: Peer-Review

- Before you even begin the process of writing, you need to ask yourself several questions:
 - What do I have to say?
 - Is it worth saying?
 - What is the right format for the message?
 - What is the audience for the message?
 - Where should I publish the message?
 - How can I best use paper and web-based resources?

Types of articles

- Editorial articles
- Research articles
- Overview articles
- Case reports
- Letters to the editor
- Case reports
- Guidelines



Choosing a Journal

- Factors to consider:
 - National or international audience?
 - Broad or specialty journal?
 - Journal's content area, culture and readers?
 - What is the history of this journal in regards of publishing your type of research methods?
 - Requirements on sample size for qualitative analysis or analysis requirements on data?
 - Chances of acceptance?
 - Impact factor, immediacy factor, or other publication measures?
 - Practical matters (time to publication, etc.)?
 - Are there other more appropriate outlets (books, popular media, internet, special issues, newsletters)?



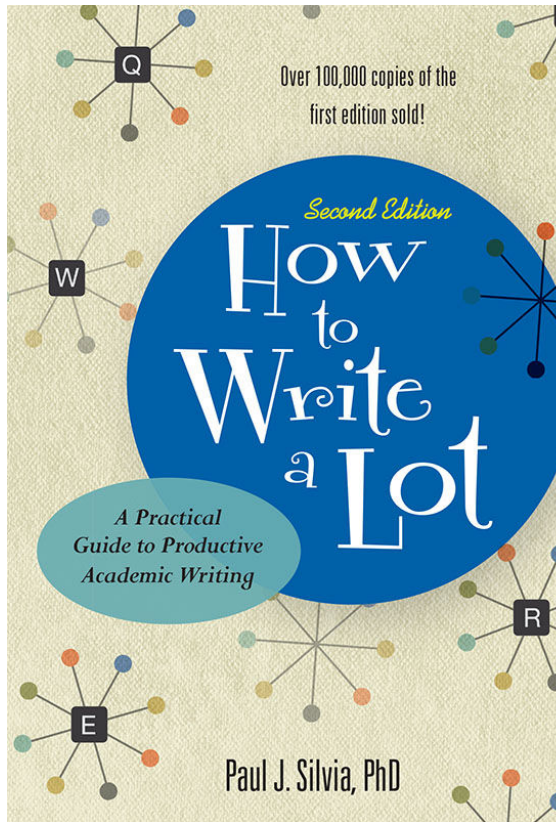
Authors Guidelines

- **Don't Piss Off the Editor! Make sure you read the authors guidelines carefully**
 - Decide on the manuscript type
 - Brief Report
 - Full Article
 - Other
 - Make a template
 - Note reference style and adhere to it.

Choosing a Journal (2)

- Once you have identified some potential journals, you should always:
 - Review the journals' aims and scope carefully, as well as read several recent issues, to determine whether or not your manuscript will be a good fit.
 - Send a brief letter or email to the editors of the journals of choice to assess interest. Include the paper's title, abstract or other description.
 - Ask any additional questions (e.g. flexibility on paper length, typical times for the peer review process) that may influence your decision on where to submit.

How to Write



- Writing the manuscript
 - Framing it to the journal and their audience (fit)
 - Dedicate time daily to writing the manuscript and remember the Importance of writing schedules
 - Make a timeline and hold yourself accountable.
 - Consider starting a writing group

Writing the Manuscript

I. PLANNING AND PREPPING

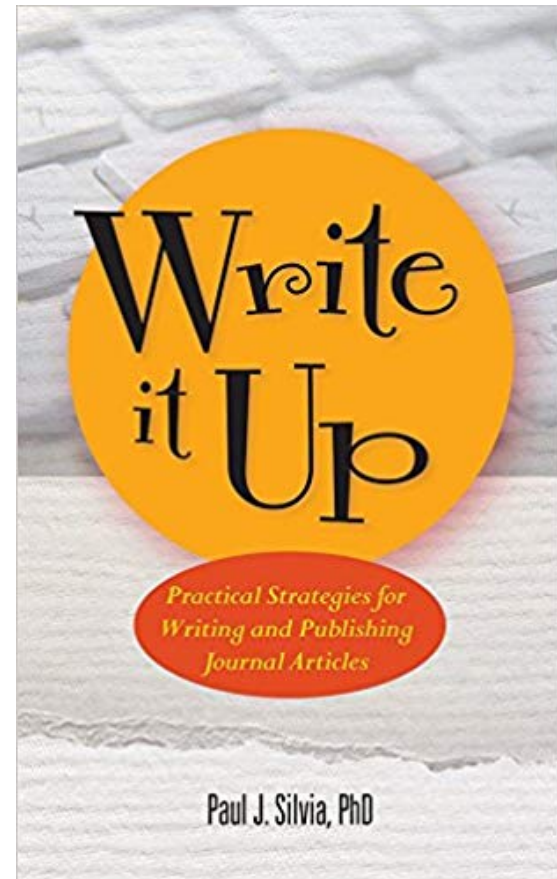
1. How and When to Pick a Journal
2. Tone and Style
3. Writing With Others: Tips for Coauthored Papers

II. WRITING THE ARTICLE

4. Writing the Introduction
5. Writing the Method
6. Writing the Results
7. Writing the Discussion
8. Arcana and Miscellany: From Titles to Footnotes

III. PUBLISHING YOUR WRITING

9. Dealing With Journals: Submitting, Resubmitting, and Reviewing
10. One of Many: Building a Body of Work



Manuscript Sections:

Introduction: Why is this question important to the field? What have others done? Why did you decide to do it?

Methods: How did you do it?

Results: What did you find?

Discussion: What does it all mean?

Steps to Organizing Your Manuscript

Prepare the figures and tables.

Write the Methods.

Write up the Results.

Write the Discussion.

Write a clear Conclusion.

Write a compelling introduction.

Write the Abstract.

Compose a concise and descriptive Title.

Select Keywords for indexing.

Write the Acknowledgements.

Write up the References.



“Finer” Criteria

- Journal editors are most interested in publishing articles that are:

Feasible (answer a question using a robust method)

Interesting (particularly for their readership)

Novel

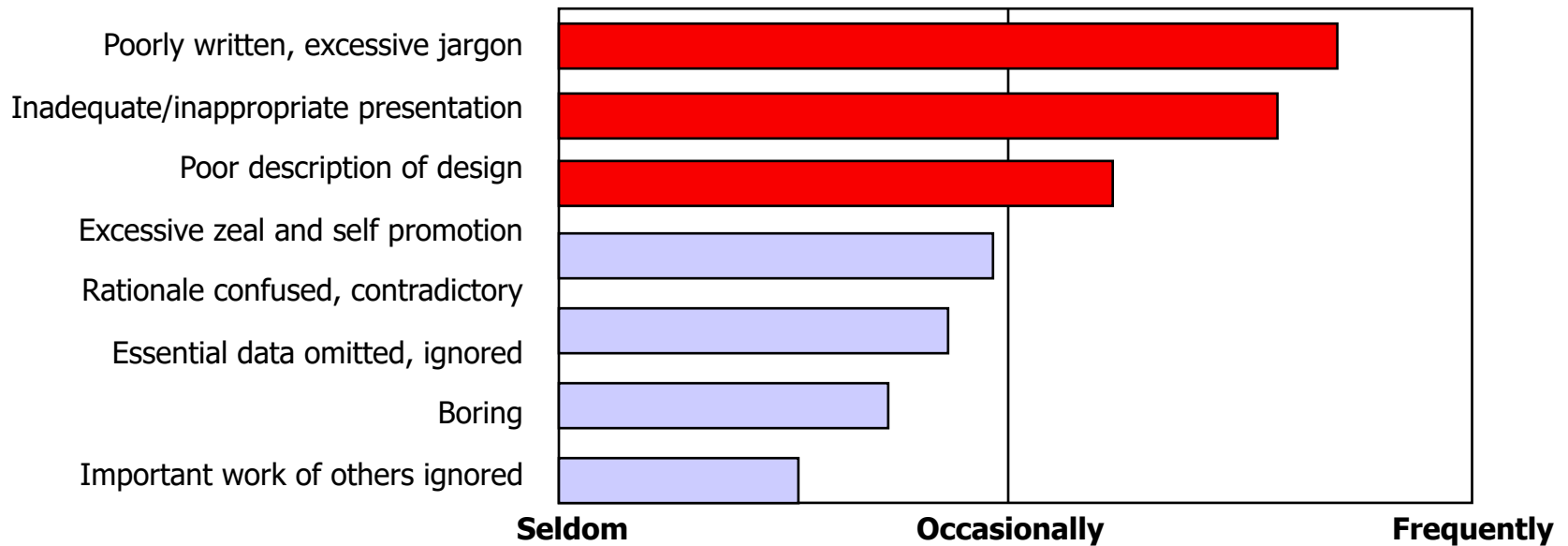
Ethical

Relevant

Stylistic Considerations

- Use short words, sentences and paragraphs.
- Use nouns and verbs rather than adjectives and adverbs.
- Use active rather than passive voice.
- Don't use jargon or abbreviations if at all possible.
- Avoid clichés.
- If the journal is not in your first language, find a native speaker (if possible) to review the content and language of the paper before submission.

Stylistic Considerations (2)



Byrne DW, Publishing Medical Research Papers, Williams and Wilkins, 1998