

Part 1 - Webinar 2 with Dr. Patrick Denice

Insights into the process of publishing in an academic journal.

1 WHERE TO LOOK?

- Professional associations (e.g. ASA, CSA...)
- Authors you cite and CVs of colleagues
- Journal rankings
(<https://www.scimagojr.com>)

2 WHAT TO THINK ABOUT?

- Impact factor of the journal
- Journal's scope and core aims
- Topics/research questions of recently published articles

3 THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Be patient – Academic publishing takes a long time – even years!
- Don't take rejection personally – It happens to the best researchers
- Celebrate the wins – Getting revisions is a huge success!

4 PREPARING TO SUBMIT

- Follow specific formatting instructions for the journal
- **Submission Package**
 - Cover letter - Summarizes the contribution of the paper, and why you think it's a good fit for the editor
 - Title page - Title, abstract, your contact information, and keywords
 - Blinded copy of the paper - No identifying information in the manuscript

View **Part 2** for full details on the submission process.

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THE SUBMISSION PROCESS

1. Editors Recieve Manuscripts

They are looking for:

- Formatting
- Does it fit with the journal's scope and aims?
- Baseline level of quality (data, research question, writing style)

Outcome: (1) Send for review or (2) Reject

2. Reviewers Comment on Manuscript

They are looking for:

- Compelling research question
- Strong grasp of the literature
- Appropriate and accurate data and methods
- Meaningful systhesis of the findings and implications

3. Editor Makes a Decision (with reviewers comments)

Outcome:

- (1) Conditionally accept the paper
- (2) Revise and resubmit
- (3) Reject

4. Revise and Resubmit

- The reviewers like your paper but recommend changes
- You are given a few months to revise it

4. Reject

- Reflect on the comments as these can be helpful when submitting elsewhere

Dealing with Revisions

- Review the comments and take time to reflect on them
- MAKE A PLAN
 - Decide what you are going to address first
 - Set deadlines for editing and take notes
 - You will be asked to prepare a memo for the reviewers that outlines your revisions