

How to Publish a Scientific Paper in The Lancet

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Publication of research is highly competitive. Acceptance for publication can be influenced not only by the quality and novelty of the research, but also by the way in which the manuscript is presented to editors and reviewers. Based on more than a decade's experience, this session will explain what editors look for in a manuscript, and how, by using that information, you can increase the likelihood of getting accepted.

The presentation will cover a wide range of topics (but not basic writing) and will include ample time for questions. It is designed to benefit researchers at any stage of their career, particularly those who are mentoring junior researchers. Editors and reviewers are also welcome.

At the end of the session you will understand better the value of reporting guidelines, be able to choose an appropriate journal for your work, write a more convincing cover letter, and improve the quality of your responses to reviewers. In short, you will take away skills that can give your research the best opportunity for prompt publication in a preferred journal.