



HOW TO WRITE A WORLD CLASS PAPER

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Outline

• Why, what, where to publish?

Writing a manuscript

Dealing with the journal



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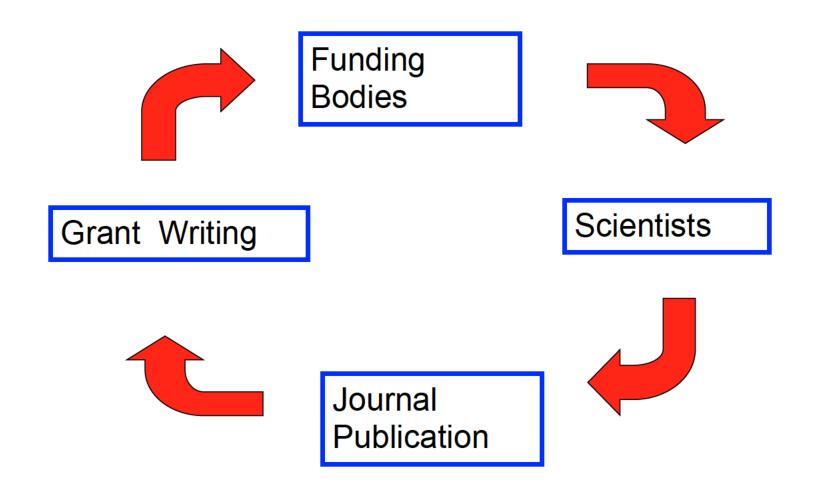
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Why publish?

- Scientists publish to share with the research community findings that advance knowledge and understanding
- New, original results or methods
- Expansion of published results
- Review of the field

Publish or perish



Focus on quality

Original

Significant advances

Appropriate methods

Clear conclusions

Meet ethical standards

Readable

Focus on quality

Society has the "duty" to archive new results but

What about results that hardly show progress?

Focus on quality

"Just because it has not been done before is no justification for doing it now."

Peter Attiwill, Editor-in-Chief Forest Ecology and Management

"What do I learn from it?"

Roel Prins, Editor Journal of Catalysis

Can I publish this?

- Have you done something new and interesting?
- Have you provided solutions to any difficult problems?
- Have you checked the latest results in the field?
- Have you verified the findings?
- Did you perform the appropriate controls?
- Do your results fit or is the story incomplete?

If the answers are "yes", then prepare a manuscript



Writing a quality manuscript

Preparation

What type of manuscript?

Full article

Short Communication

Review

Where publish?

Consider:

- Aims and scope (check journal websites and recent articles)
- Types of articles (fundamental or applied)
- Your references

Catalysis journals

Angewandte Chemie

Journal of the American Chemical Society

Catalysis Reviews

Chemical Communications

Journal of Catalysis

Applied Catalysis B

Journal Physical Chemistry C

Applied Catalysis A

Microporous Mesoporous Materials

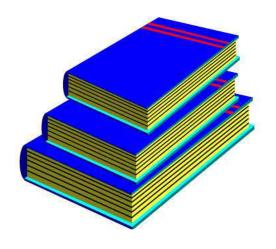
Catalysis Today

Journal of Molecular Catalysis A

Catalysis Communications

Topics in Catalysis

Catalysis Letters



Journal	impact
	2010
Angewandte Chemie	12.7
Journal of the American Chemical Society	9.0
Catalysis Reviews	7.0
Chemical Communications	5.8
Journal of Catalysis	5.4
Applied Catalysis B	4.7
Journal Physical Chemistry C	4.5
Applied Catalysis A	3.4
Microporous Mesoporous Materials	3.2
Catalysis Today	3.0
Journal of Molecular Catalysis A	2.9
Catalysis Communications	2.8
Topics in Catalysis	2.4
Catalysis Letters	1.9

But there is a price to pay!

Journal	Impact	Rejection
(%)	-	_
Angewandte Chemie	12.7	85
J. American Chemical Society	9.0	85
Chem. Commun.	5.8	75
Journal of Catalysis	5.4	64



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