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Editorial

Editor Advice on Writing a Good Manuscript

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Abstract

With the advancing technology and expanding ophthalmology researches, more and more manuscripts were received by our journal concerning different aspects of ophthalmology. By reviewing our previous submission received, hereby we summarize some advices on improving an ophthalmology manuscript writing. Valuable content and results still require a good presentation and writing to lead it towards successful publication. We hope this editorial would help authors understand how they should write a manuscript so that not only has it a good chance of being accepted, but also of being well received and appreciated by the readers if it is published.

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Editorial

With the advancing technology and expanding ophthalmology researches, more and more manuscripts were received by our journal concerning different aspects of ophthalmology, such as optical coherence tomography angiography, extended depth of focus intraocular lens, periocular cosmetic laser and COVID-19 related researches, etc [1-4]. Despite an increasing submission rate, not many manuscripts were successful to proceed towards publication. By reviewing our previous submission received, hereby we summarize some advices on improving

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an ophthalmology manuscript writing. Although following these advices does not guarantee acceptance of manuscript, it would definitely pass you further on the reviewing process, and approaching successful publication.

Firstly, provide a background that contain the scientific rationale for the study. Introduction should end with a statement of the aims of the study. Each statement of fact should be supported by references.

Secondly, clearly describe the selection of observational or experimental subjects, inclusion and exclusion criteria, randomization, and the use of controls. Include details of the power analysis used to determine the study size. The data acquisition protocol, procedures, investigated parameters, methods of measurements, and apparatus should be described in sufficient detail to allow other scientists to reproduce the results. A must-read are the guidelines released by the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE). Clearly mentioning the concerned institution ethics committee approval number of the presented study is the responsibility of the authors. Sources for all reagents and equipment should be given in the format of (Company, City, Country). The statistical methods should be described in detail to enable verification of the reported results.

Demographic and clinical data must be provided for clinical research. The results should be presented in a logical sequence in the text, tables, and illustrations. Restrict tables and figures to the number needed to explain and support the results. Do not duplicate data in graphs and tables. Most importantly, remember to provide statistical support for 'significant' results (such as a p-value).

The Discussion section should be organized clearly with concise paragraphs, beginning with a summary and interpretation of the study findings. Do not duplicate the content of the main Background or Results sections in the Discussion section. The findings from the study should be compared with findings from previously published studies. Discuss the implications of the findings and suggest future studies. A mandatory requirement for all original Research Articles is the inclusion of a paragraph at the end of the Discussion section that clearly describes the limitations of the study. The purpose of this is to show insight into the limitations of the study methods and data analysis and interpretation.

Last but not least, a good Abstract would definitely catch the attention of the readers [5]. Valuable content and results still require a good presentation and writing to lead it towards successful publication. Medical writing is an art which needs to be groomed. We hope this editorial would help authors improve their writing, so their manuscripts would be received and appreciated by the readers when published.

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