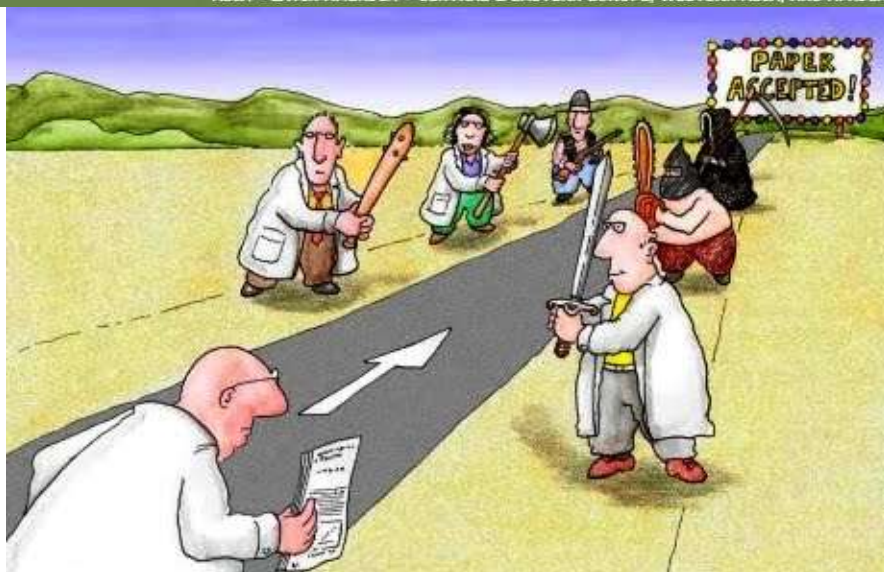




Some Tips in Writing a Manuscript

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- A good manuscript will need to fulfill the “4Cs” criteria.

Contemporary

Concise

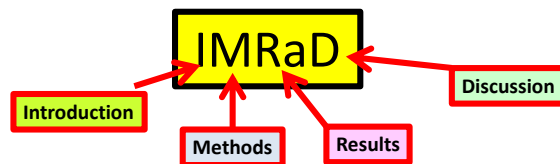
Credibility

Clarity



- The first two C’s – **Contemporary and Credible**
 - refer to the currency and innovativeness of the research question being addressed as well as the robustness of the research methods and the results.
- The second two C’s – **Concise and Clarity**
 - refer to how the manuscript is written and how the information is presented to the readers.

- Proper use of English is important.
 - A general rule is that:
 - “Every sentence should convey the exact truth as simply as possible.”
- Following the “**IMRaD**” format would facilitate your writing of the manuscript.



- Title
 - The title should be self-explanatory and as succinct as possible.
 - The title should be appropriate to the work, and not inflate or make invalid claims of the study's result.
- Abstract
 - The abstract is a self-explanatory digest of the manuscript without the need to read the whole manuscript.
 - The contents of an abstract should be precise and informative, but not overly detailed.

- Introduction
 - This should provide the theoretical and general framework to justify the necessity to explore the specific question or questions addressed in the study.
- Methods
 - The methods section provides a comprehensive and detailed explanation of how the data were collected and analyzed.
 - It needs to justify why this approach was the most appropriate for the purposes of the study .

- Results
 - The section should summarized data in an understandable form.
 - Use tables or figures where appropriate and supplemented with narrative text.
 - Highlight any statistically significant results.

- Discussion

- Your interpretation and meaning of the data, and how does it related back to the specific questions you are trying to solve in the “introduction”
- Analyze the particular strengths and limitations of the study

Internal Validity Assessment

- Raise questions for future investigation based on the study findings.
- Highlight the importance of your results as well as the implications beyond your study subjects.

External Validity Assessment

- References

- Only list items you have actually cited.
- There are standard ways required by the journal of presenting reference materials.
 - The Harvard (author-date) System of referencing and bibliography.
 - Vancouver Style Referencing: Commonly used in medical literature