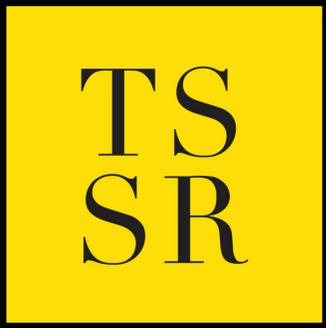


# HOW TO WRITE A REVIEW

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# Why publish?

- Publishing is how scientists show the world what they know.
- Reviews summarise the recent findings to update people on a particular area.
- **Personal benefits:** improving your writing skills, learn how to be an editor, CV etc.
- Useful CV thing to get other things i.e. internships, interviews, PhDs etc.

# You have an excellent idea for a REVIEW article that you would like to publish!

- What do you do now? Ask yourself:
- Is topic is relevant? Is it novel? Is it interesting to you?
- Will a student audience be interested in reading it?
- Do you have the time commitment to write it properly?

# So where do you go from here?

- Look at the TSSR. Read a couple of the previous article. Get a feel for the style.
- TSSR is a professional, academic, student-run, review journal.
- Get a feel for the style and tone.
- (It's not for feature pieces, or opinion pieces, or interviews etc.)

# I'm sold. I'll do it. What is \*it\*?

- Pick your topic! (course work vs. non-course work)
- Look at the last 5 years worth of papers.
- (PubMed, Web of Science, Science Direct, EMBASE, etc.)
- Get the facts and stats and the general direction of the topic.

# Paper Layout

- Title
- Abstract
- Introduction
- Paragraphs
- Useful, simple, relevant Figures.
- Discussion
- Conclusion
- References

# Your Paper Should Outline:

- the major achievements in the reviewed field,
- the main areas of debate, and
- the outstanding research questions
- and the future directions/challenges/opportunities

# References

- Don't do your references by hand.
- Get EndNote, or Mendeley (!)
- Be accurate, use citation style requested.

Thanks. Qs?

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