Author Academy- Your guide to publication success

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Large and Fast Relaxations inside a Protein: Calculation and Measurement of Reorganization Energies in Alcohol Dehydrogenase

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The equilibration of intrachain and interchain excitations in aggregates of a cyano-substituted phenylene vinylene polymer

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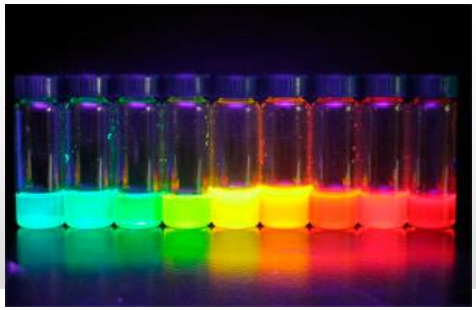

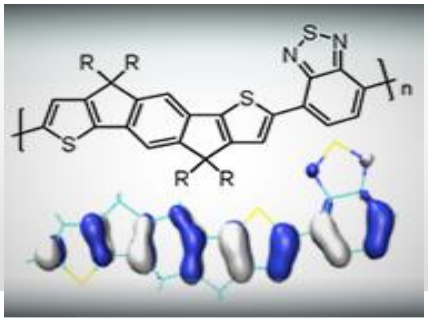

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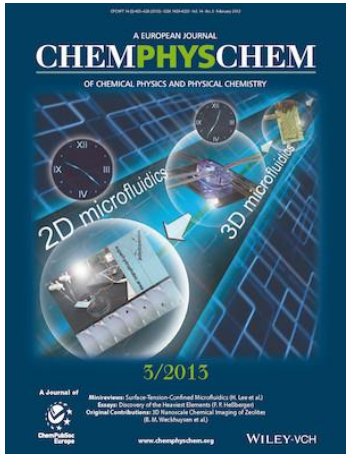

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- Target Journal
- Write a manuscript
- Cover letter
- Publication Ethics
- Peer review/response letter

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Native language vs English language

Implement ideas locally

Write and communicate in your ***own*** language

- **National collaborations**
- **Regulatory authorities**

International reputation

Publish manuscripts in ***English*** to exchange ideas globally

- **International collaborations**
- **Grant applications**
- **Career advancements**

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Scientific publishing

Adopt a winning strategy

Footballer		Scientist
		
Physical fitness	**Preparation**	Results
Team members	**Communication**	Manuscript
Rules of the game	**Understanding**	Submission process
Opposition	**Knowledge**	Published literature
Win games	**Tactics**	**Publication record**

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Preparation

Good data

Results

- Importance?
- Significance?
- Implications?
- Who will benefit?

Impact

Type of article

Target audience

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Hints and tips

Give group presentations

Presenter

New ideas

Create discussion

1. Outline

- Short title
- What you did

2. Figure

- Trends
- Unexpected results

3. Discussion

- Next experiments
- Literature examples
- New models

Clear scientific message for readers

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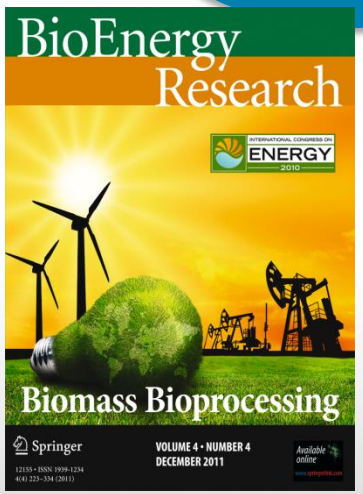
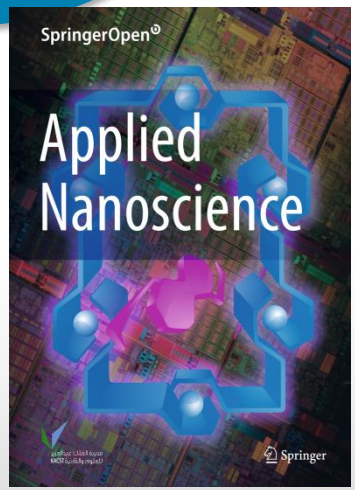
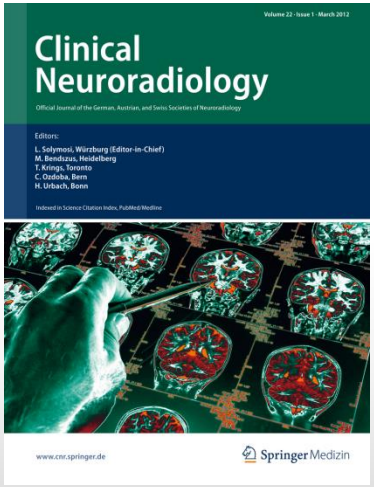
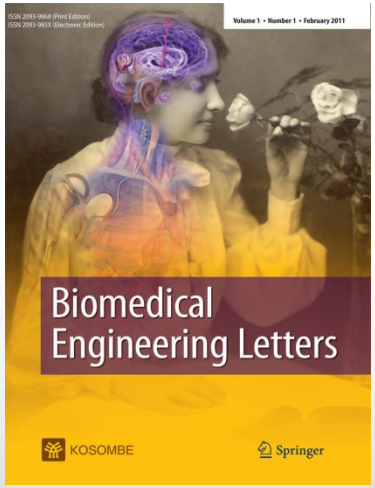
Before you start …

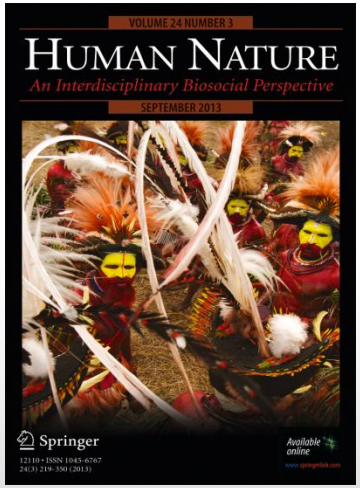
Journal selection

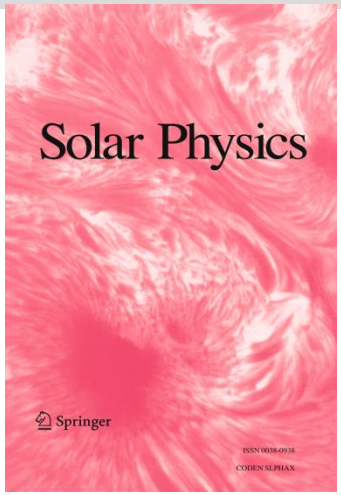


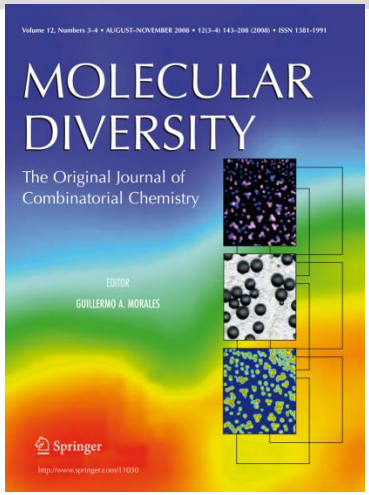


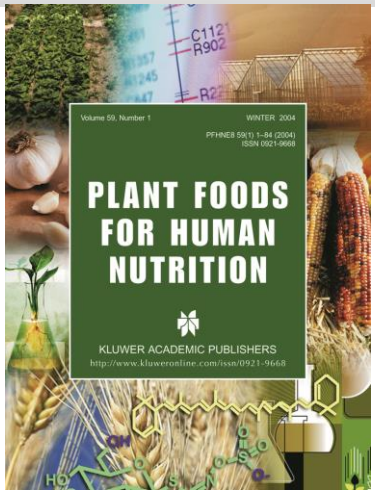


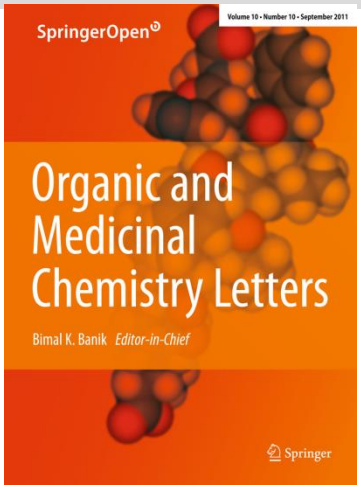












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Before you start …

Target journal

- Research councils
  - Indexing status
  - Impact factor
- Society membership
  - Society journal (free open access)
- Open access
  - Funds (2,000-3000 USD)

- Publishing language
  - Local vs international audience
- Publish quickly
  - Brief communication/case reports
- Scientific message
  - Multidisciplinary vs specific
  - Popular appeal
  - General

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Hints and tips

Your target journal in minutes not days

Find the right journal for your manuscript

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Abstract

NF-κB transcription factor has been associated with cancer development and chemoresistance. We studied the signaling pathway activated by doxorubicin (DOX) leading to NF-κB activation in breast cancer cells. NF-κB activity was evaluated by electrophoretic mobility shift in T47D, ZR75.30 and primary culture (MBCDF) from a ductal infiltrating carcinoma. Cell viability was measured by

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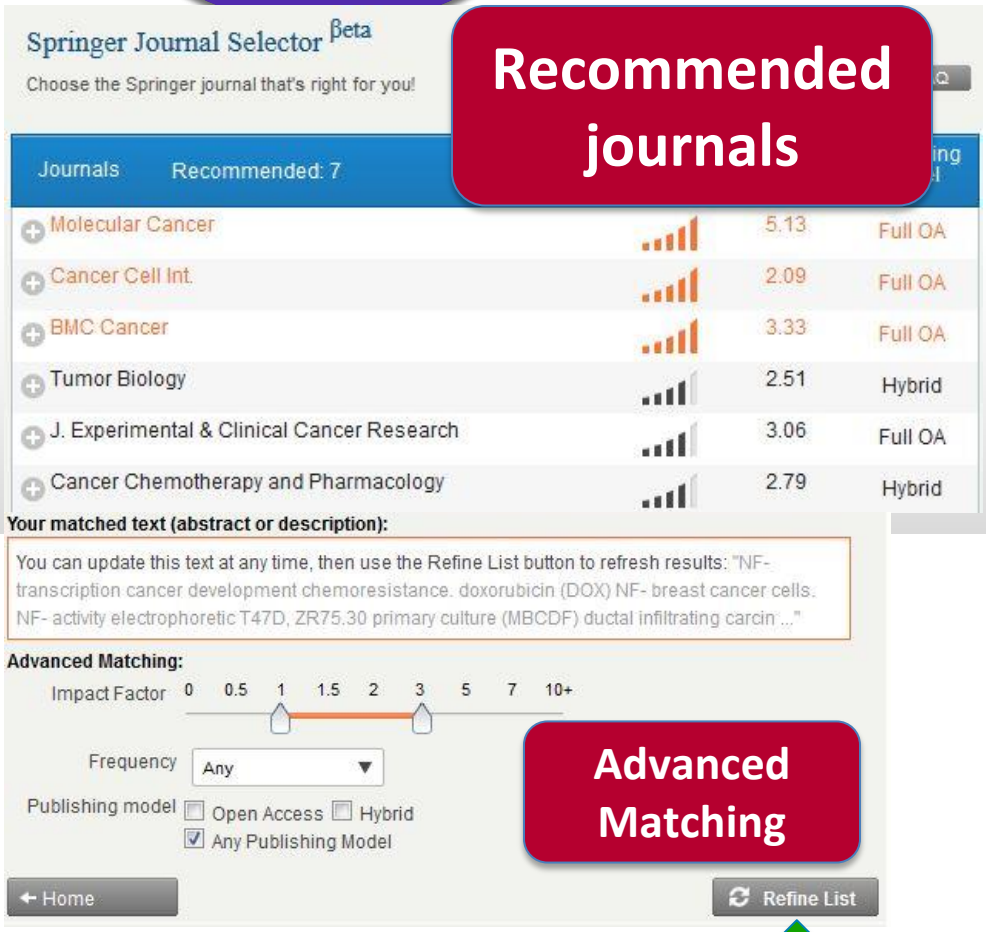

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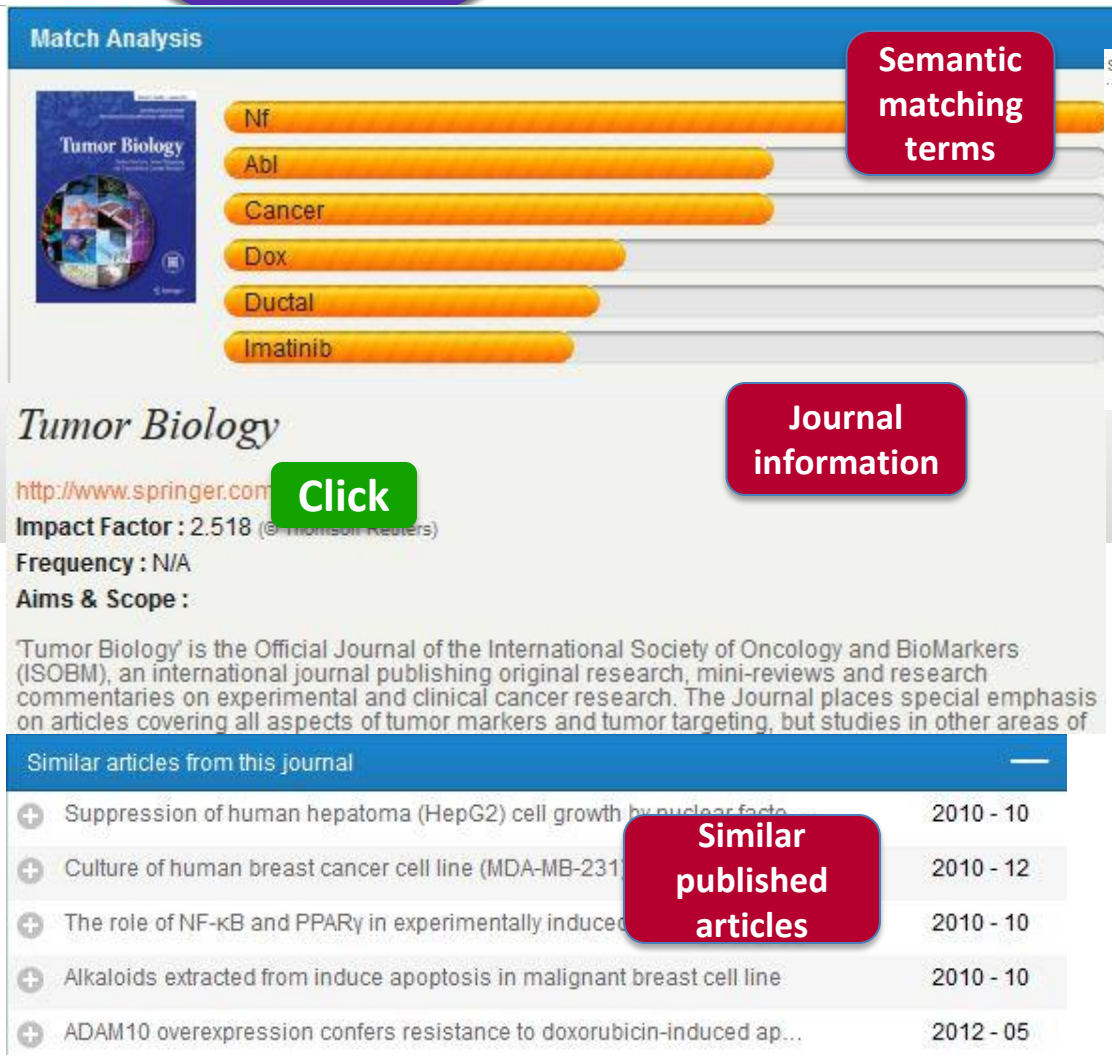

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Knowledge

Read regularly

Published Literature

Journals

- Aims and Scope
- Topics
- Layout
- Structure

Improve your writing

- Styles
- Phrases
- Data
- Scientific flow
- Argument structure

Established researchers

- Field develops
- Implications of research
- Applications
- Choose reviewers

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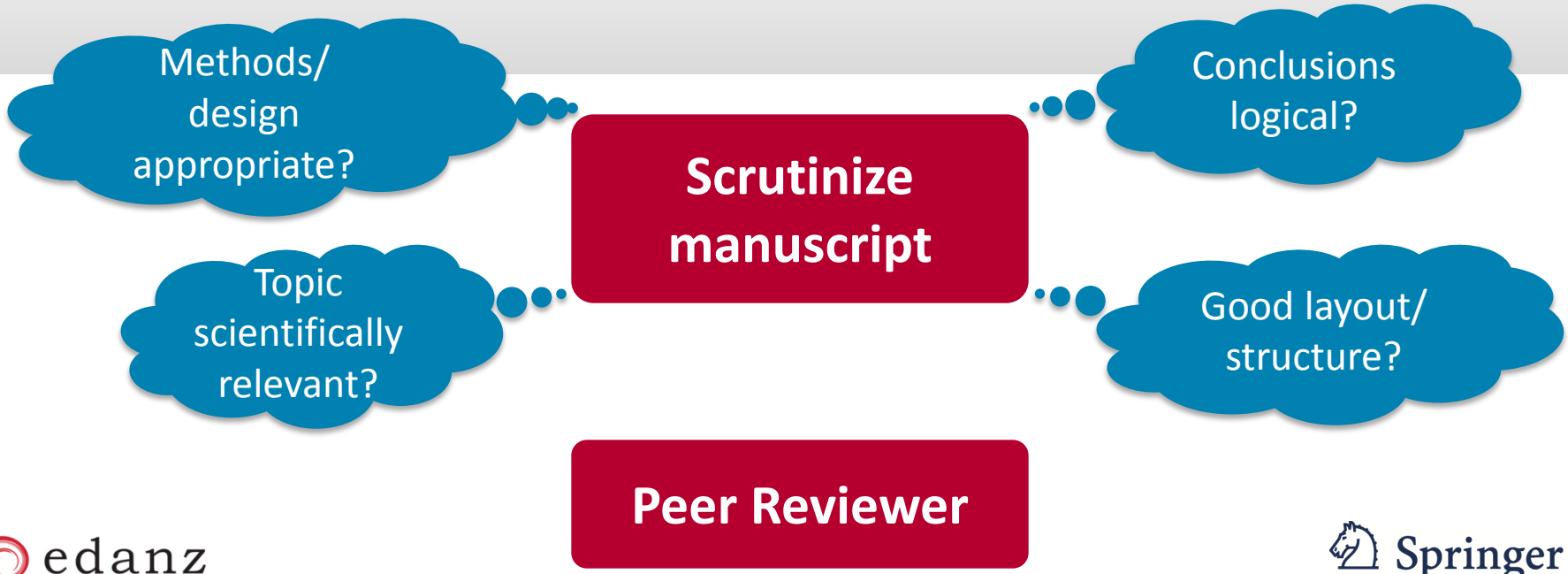
Knowledge

Journal club

8-12 people

Discuss literature

- Different groups, same department
- 1 manuscript per week
- Rotate who selects paper
- Distribute paper 3 days in advance



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Any questions?

Structuring your manuscript

Manuscript structure

- Abstract
- Introduction — The beginning
- Methods — The middle
- Results — The middle
- and
- Discussion — The end

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Structuring your manuscript

The ‘write’ order

Methods
Results

During your research

Introduction
Discussion

After selecting target journal

Title
Abstract

Write **last**

Hints and tips

Writing your manuscript

Methods

- List all methods
- Details of unusual/new methods
- Researchers can repeat experiments

Write for your readers

Results

- Coherent and logical
- Cannot be deduced from literature
- Based on Figures/Tables
- Do not overcrowd
- Use Supporting Info
- Unbiased analysis

Convey scientific message

Hints and tips

Writing your manuscript

Choose target journal

Conclusions

- Short and concise
- Implications/benefits
- Future work

Write for your readers

Discussion

- Explain trends vs. literature
- Propose models/theories
- Relate to the original hypothesis
- Coherent interpretation
- Relevance

Convince readers of results

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Hints and tips

Writing your manuscript

Introduction

- Scientifically relevant
- Advance field
- Aims of study

Clear research motive

Abstract

- Check journal instructions
- Word limits
- Structured vs. Unstructured
- Headings

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Structuring your manuscript

Abstract: First impressions are important!

Don't include…

- References
- Non-essential numbers & statistics
- Jargon/slang
- Acronyms/ abbreviations

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Structuring your manuscript

Abstract structure

- ***Background***: why the study was done (20%)
- ***Aims:*** concise statement (10%)
- ***Methods:*** describe patients, techniques and materials used (10%)
- ***Results:*** most important findings (40%)
- ***Conclusions:*** main conclusion (10%)
- ***Implications:*** who will/what are the benefits (10%)

Hints and tips

Writing your manuscript

Title

- Short and informative
- Concise

Write for your readers

Update references

- 75% from the last 5 years
- Avoid self-citations
- International citations

Topical field

Hints and tips

Writing your manuscript

Format manuscript

- Journal template
- Word limits
- Section headings
- English grammar is correct

Meet journal requirements

Revise manuscript

- Input from colleague
- Edit to reduce by 15%
- Clear figures/tables
- Readability and flow

Tell an interesting story

Hints and tips

Clear scientific message

Last paragraph in Introduction

Our aim was accordingly to further characterise subjects with early disturbances in the glucose metabolism being at risk for development of type 2 diabetes. To avoid bias due to secondary effects we identified individuals not yet aware of their condition to explore the association of self-reported lack of sleep and low vitality in relation to IGT in a representative Swedish population.

Methods

Concise Conclusions

Conclusions

There is a link between self-reported lack of sleep, low vitality and IGT. Short sleep duration is a risk factor for developing type 2 diabetes [37] and voluntary sleep restriction may contribute to the global epidemic burden of type 2 diabetes [10]. More research is needed to determine how quality of sleep and low vitality interact in persons who are susceptible to developing IGT, thus facilitating improved strategies for prevention.

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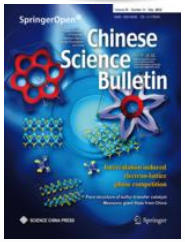
Popular appeal



Isolation and characterization of H7N9 viruses from live poultry markets — Implication of the source of current H7N9 infection in humans

JianZhong Shi, GuoHua Deng, PeiHong Liu, JinPing Zhou, LiZheng Guan, WenHui Li, XuYong Li

Abstract

On March 31, 2013, the National Health and Family Planning Commission announced that human infections with a previously undescribed influenza A (H7N9) virus had occurred in Shanghai and Anhui Province, China. To investigate the possible origins of the H7N9 viruses causing these human infections, we collected 970 samples, including drinking water, soil, and cloacal and tracheal swabs of poultry from live poultry markets and poultry farms in Shanghai and Anhui Province. Twenty samples were positive for the H7N9 influenza virus. Notably, all 20 viruses were isolated from samples collected from live poultry markets in Shanghai. Phylogenetic analyses showed that the six internal genes of these novel human H7N9 viruses were derived from avian H9N2 viruses, but the ancestor of their HA and NA genes is uncertain. When we examined the phylogenetic relationship between the H7N9 isolates from live poultry markets and the viruses that caused the human infections, we found that they shared high homology across all eight gene segments. We thus identified the direct avian origin of the H7N9 influenza viruses that caused the human infections. Importantly, we observed that the H7N9 viruses isolated from humans had acquired critical mutations that made them more "human-like". It is therefore imperative to take strong measures to control the spread of H7N9 viruses in birds and humans to prevent further threats to human health.

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A team of microbiologists led by Prof Chen Hualan of the Harbin Veterinary Research Institute investigated the origins of a new influenza A (H7N9) virus by testing samples collected from live poultry markets and poultry farms located in Shanghai and Anhui Province, China.

The H7N9 influenza virus was isolated from humans in China in March, 2013. A total of 109 laboratory-confirmed cases of human infection with the virus have been reported as of April 25, 2013.

According to recent studies of H7N9 collected from live poultry markets, these viruses are reassortants in which the six internal genes were derived from avian H9N2 viruses. However, the origins of their hemagglutinin (HA) and neuraminidase (NA) genes have been unclear.

The team collected 970 samples (drinking water, feces, contaminated soil, and cloacal and tracheal swabs) from live poultry markets and poultry farms

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Communication

Manuscript

- Good English/ readable
- Tell an interesting story
- Clear scientific message
- Figures, schemes, tables
- Visual guides
- Logical flow
- Updated references
- Meet reader expectations
- Highlight applications/ benefits

Any questions?

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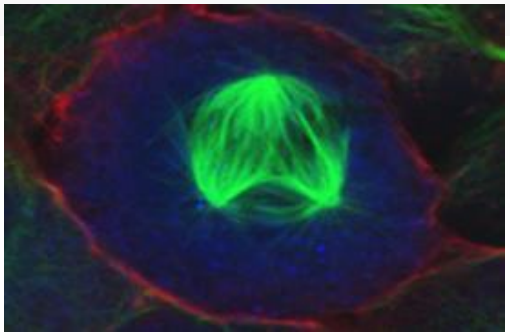
Introducing Dr. Long



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Gene Regulatory Networks in Living Cells

Abstract

Gene regulatory networks control animal behviour. The expression of complex behaviour is regulted by the brain. We investigate the transciptomic response to territorial intrusion in four brain regions in breeding female brook sticklebacks using expression microarrays and quantitative polymerase chain reaction. The species occurs across the United States and

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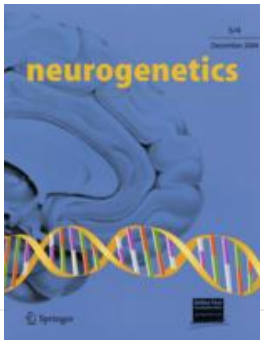

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Hints and tips

Write a cover letter!

Dear Editor-in-Chief,

I am sending you our manuscript entitled "Gene regulatory networks in living cells" by Long et al. We would like to have the manuscript considered for publication in Neurogenetics.

Please let me know of your decision at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,
Dr. Long, PhD

Guides the Editor

Sells your research

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An effective cover letter

U. Müller
Editor
Neurogenetics

Address editor personally

13 December 2012

Dear Dr. Müller,

Manuscript title/type of article

Please find enclosed our manuscript entitled “Gene regulatory networks in living cells”, by Long et al., which we would like to submit for publication as a Research Paper in *Neurogenetics*.

Recent studies have revealed that there are distinct genomic responses to territorial challenges. Genes are either upregulated or downregulated in certain areas of the brain. Cis-regulatory network analysis suggests..... **Background**

To confirm this, we performed expression microarrays and quantitative polymerase chain reactions on four brain regions in five brook sticklebacks. Expression microarrays revealed.... **Done/Found**

We believe our findings would appeal to a broad audience, such as the readership of *Neurogenetics*. As a wide-reaching journal publishing original research on all aspects of neuroscience... **Interest to readers**

We suggest the following potential reviewers: **List reviewers**

Conflict of interest forms are attached.....
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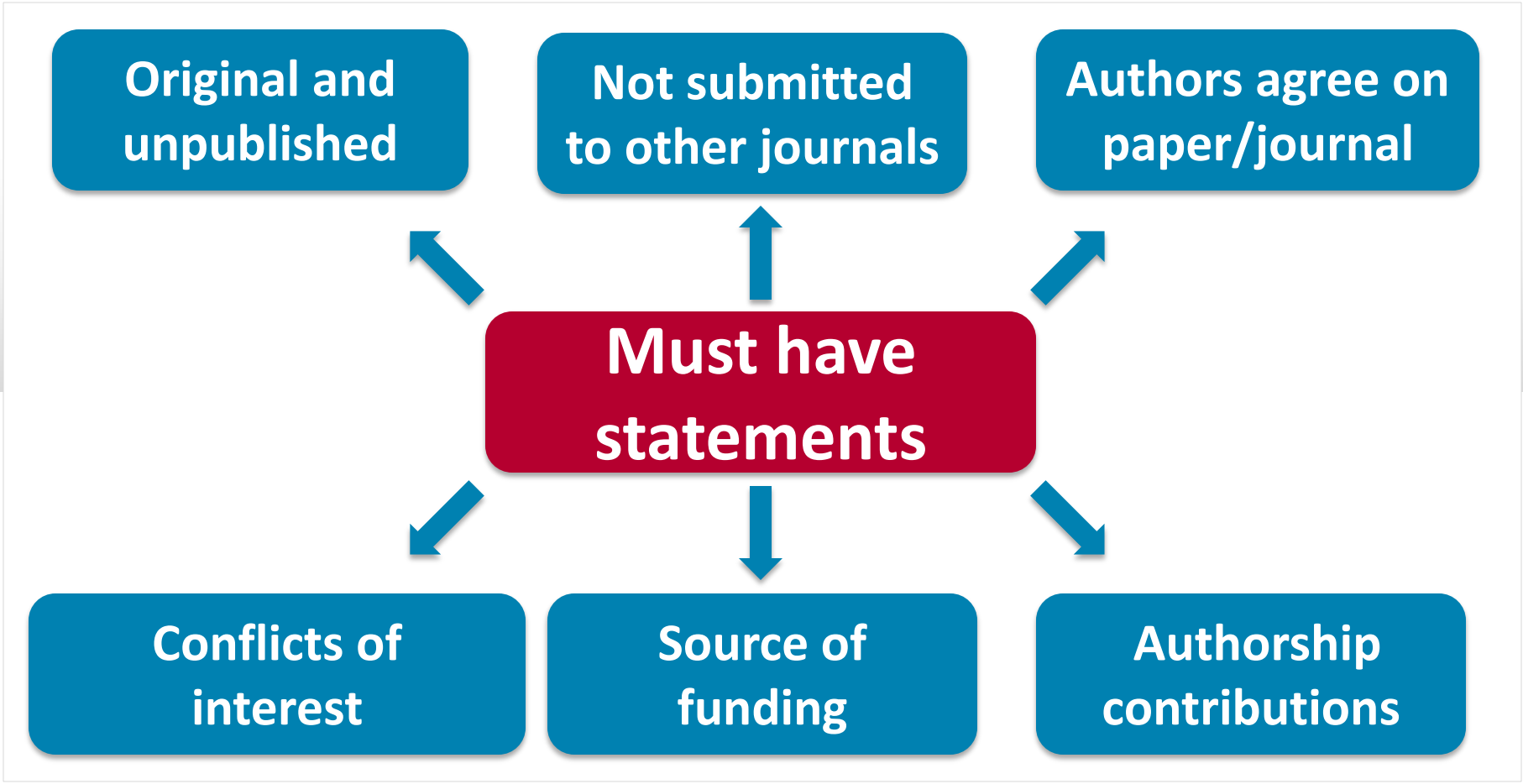

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Avoid scientific misconduct

- Publisher
- Journal Editors
- Reviewers
- Authors

All have responsibilities

Guidelines

- CONSORT (Consolidated Standards of Reporting Trials)
- PRISMA (Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses)
- MOOSE (Meta-Analysis and Observational Studies in Epidemiology)
- STARD (Standards for the Reporting of Diagnostic Accuracy Studies)
- STROBE (Strengthening the Reporting of Observational Studies in Epidemiology)

  – Must obtain Institutional Review Boards statement of approval for research involving human beings or animal subjects.

Author responsibilities

- Corresponding (submitting) author:
  - Communicates with journal editors and coauthors
  - Authors agree to contents/specify contribution of every author
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  - Submit COI form/sources of funding
  - Responsible for obtaining copyright permissions
  - Submit transfer of copyright form
- Senior researchers:
  - Original data preserved and is available for re-analysis
  - Approves data presentation/original

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Publication ethics: Authorship

Graduate students: Mr. Wang and Mr. Zhang

Lab assistant: Ms. Yu helped prepare samples

Biostatistician: Ms. Yuan performed the statistical analysis

Colleague: Dr. Qi (Shanghai University) read and edited manuscript

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Publication ethics: Conflicts of interest

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Mr. P. Wang: Sponsored by a pharmaceutical company

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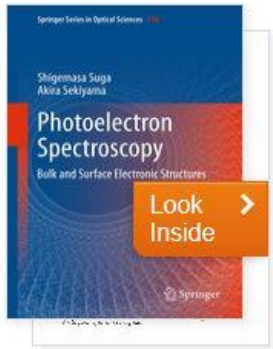

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Ignore publication ethics: Consequences

- Manuscript rejected/retracted
- Disciplinary action/expelled
- Research field suffers (public trust, funding)
- Journal blacklist
- End of scientific career
- Unwanted media attention

Conduct ethical research and provide complete data

Take responsibility and be honest

Any questions?

Peer review

Submitted manuscript

High quality?

Novel/ Relevant?

Readers interested?

Journal requirements met?

Well-written?

No

Reject

➢ Decision letter

Yes

Peer review

➢ 3-5 Reviewers

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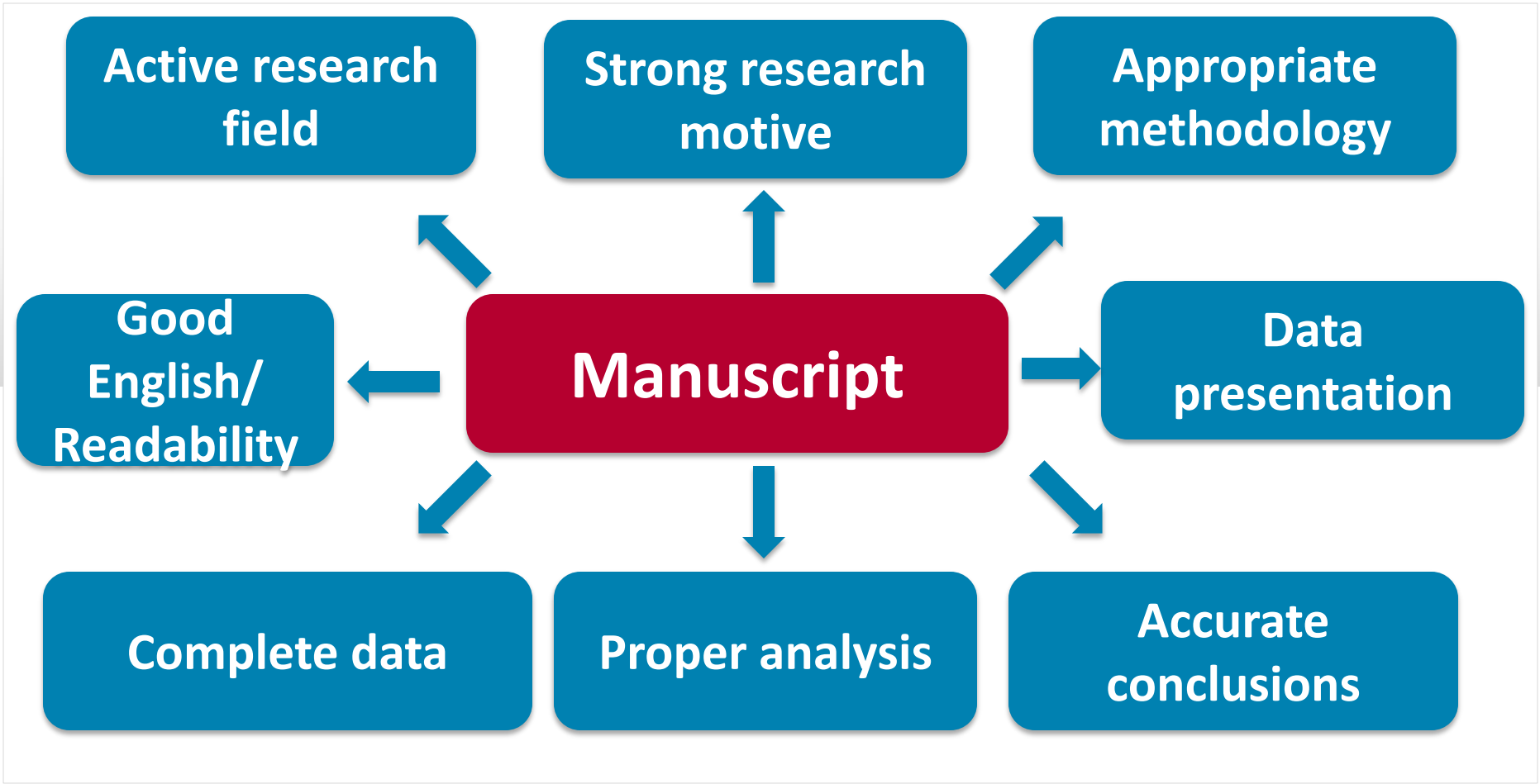
Initial rejection letters

- We *cannot publish* your manuscript.
  - –Your study *does not contain novel results*
  - –The literature review *is incomplete*
  - –The hypothesis *is unclear*
  - –The manuscript does *not follow journal format*
  - –The manuscript *is poorly written*
- We wish you luck in publishing *your results elsewhere*.

Peer review


Active research field
Strong research motive
Appropriate methodology
Good English/ Readability
Manuscript
Data presentation
Complete data
Proper analysis
Accurate conclusions

Reasons for rejection

Publication ethics ignored

- Falsification (data made up)
- Fabrication (manipulation of data)
- Plagiarism (Re-use published text and data without proper citation)
- Multiple submissions

Rejection

Any questions?

Waiting……

Submit Manuscript + Cover letter

Why does it take so long?

Contacts Editorial office

Waiting for reports. Decision in the 3 weeks.

Withdrawing manuscript

- Write to Journal Editor
- Approval from all authors

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Decision letter

24 January 2013

Dear Dr. Long,

Manuscript ID NRL-11-7839: “Gene regulatory networks in living cells”

Your manuscript has been reviewed, and we regret to inform you that based on our Expert reviewers’ comments, it is not possible to further consider your manuscript in its current form for publication in *Neurogenetics*.

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Reviewer comments

Sincerely,

Editor is interested in your work

- The Reviewer comments *are not entirely negative*.
- It is not possible to consider your manuscript *in its current form*.
- I hope the information provided will be helpful when you *revise your manuscript*.
- I regret that the outcome has not been favorable *at this time*.

Editor is *not* interested in your work

- We *cannot publish* your manuscript.
- Your study *does not contain novel results* that merit publication in our journal.
- We appreciate your interest in our journal. However, we *will not further consider* your manuscript for publication.
- We wish you luck in publishing *your results elsewhere*.

Options

- New submission to *same* journal
- New submission to a *different* journal

Options

Can I address all the reviewers comments in a revised mansuscript?

Yes

- New submission to *same* journal
  - Fully revise manuscript
  - Point-by-point responses
  - Include original manuscript ID number

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Responding to reviewers' comments

Agree

Disagree

Phrases for Agreeing

- The Reviewer is correct. *We have made the necessary changes.*
- Based on the Reviewers comments, we have….
- In our revised manuscript we have included….
- This is a valid point and we believe that….

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Conflicting reviewer comments

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Agrees with Reviewer 2

Justify reason

Contact Editor

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Location of changes in revised manuscript

Response in revised manuscript

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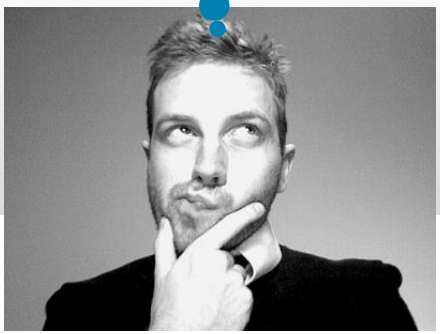

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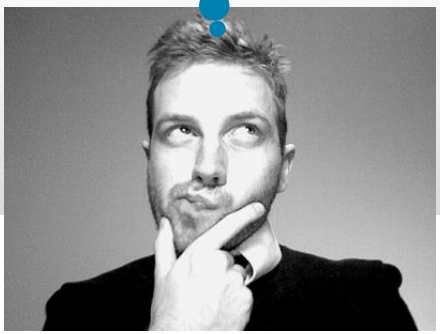

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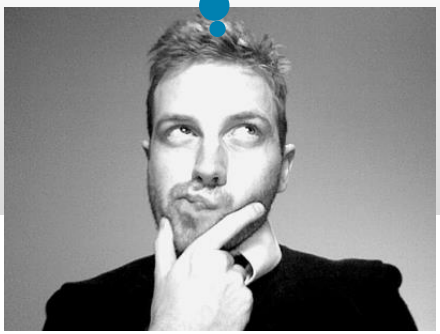

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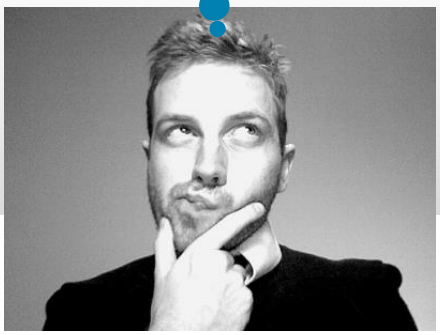

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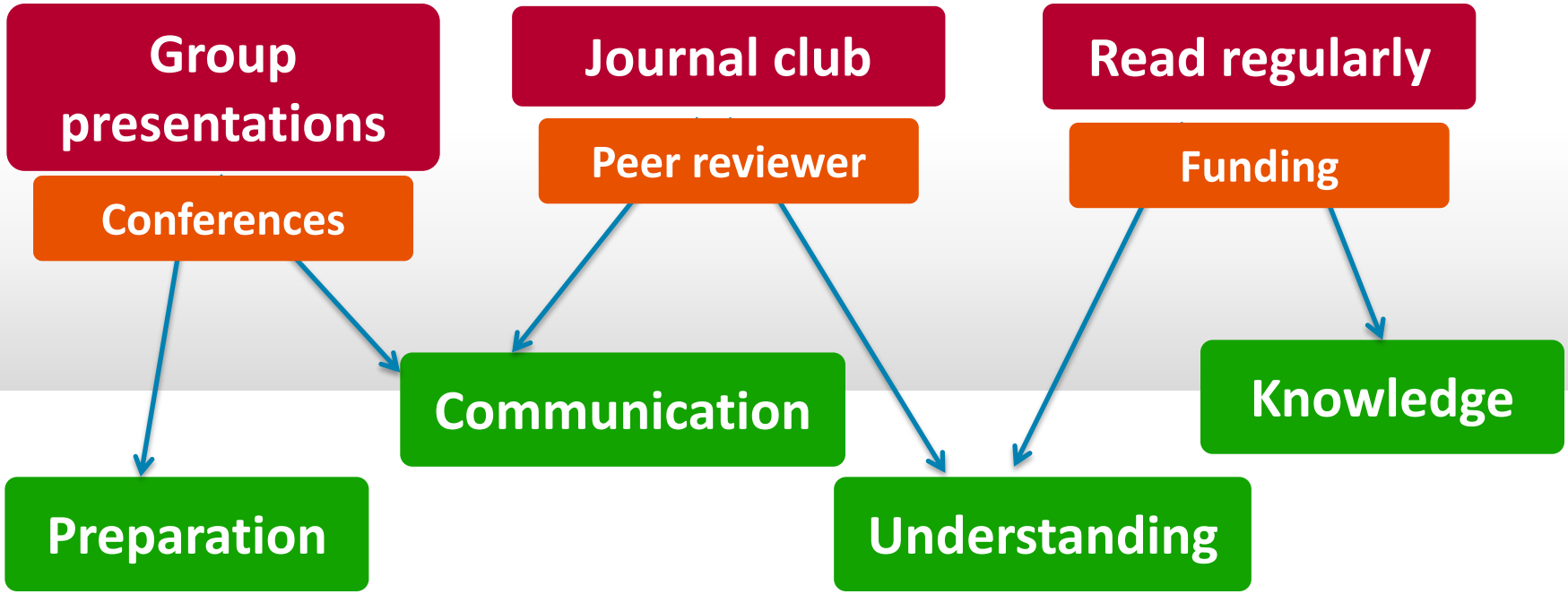

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