

## How to Publish a Manuscript

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## Webinar Key Takeaways



- Persist and publish (not publish or perish)!
- 2. Many popular journals have acceptance rates of <50%, meaning the most likely decision is rejection. Do not despair, you will find a home for your paper and it says nothing about its potential impact.
- 3. A 1-page cover letter to the editors should focus on why your paper is a good fit for that journal and how it offers novel or important results, and should suggest reviewers (either to ask or avoid).
- 4. It takes about 4-6 weeks to hear back from a journal after submission, assuming your paper is sent out for review.
- **5.** Respond completely and politely to reviewers and offer supporting evidence. But remember, ultimately the editors decide whether to publish or not.
- 6. On average you can expect about 9 months between your first journal submission and the manuscript appearing in print at some journal.