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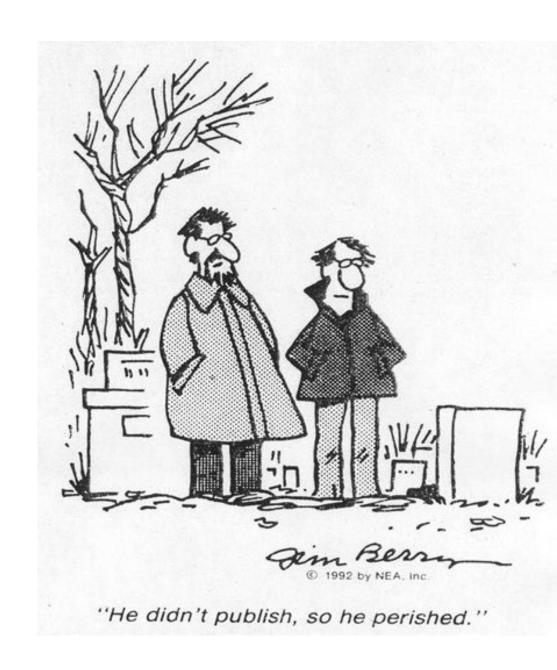






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By Hannah Foreman Posted on 1 January 2013



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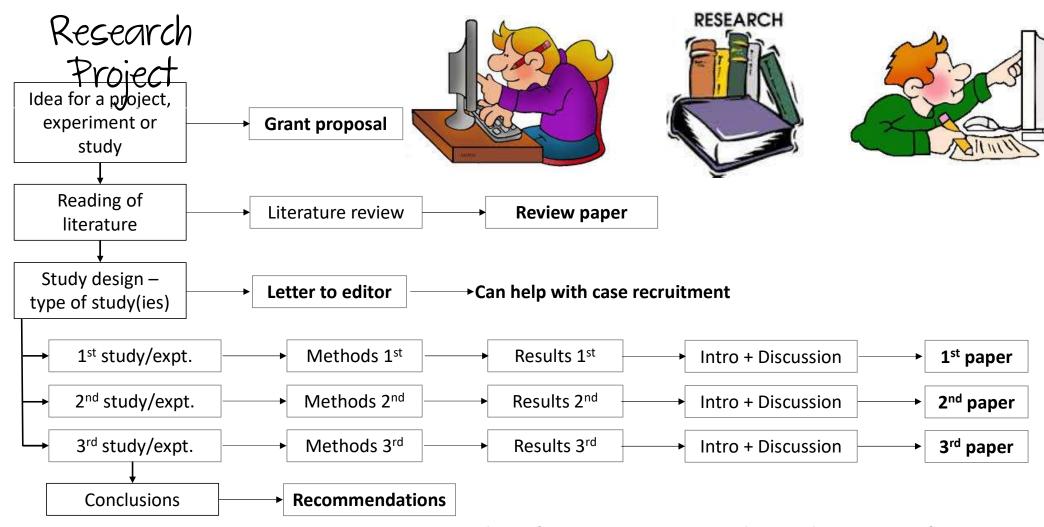
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- Open access
- Case report(s)/series
- Review articles

... Veterinary Record

... Veterinary Record Open

... Veterinary Record Case Reports

... In Practice (invited)





... Journal scope, aims + editorial criteria

Decision tree ...

Other factors to consider in selecting a journal

- Selecting the right journal is your research within the journal's scope?
 - It's a bad sign if you don't recognise any of the editorial board members!
- What's in it for you
 - Audience
 - Impact factor traditional journal level citation-based metrics
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 - Publication times average times from submission to first decision,
 to acceptance + to publication





Current impact factor 3.23

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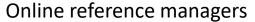
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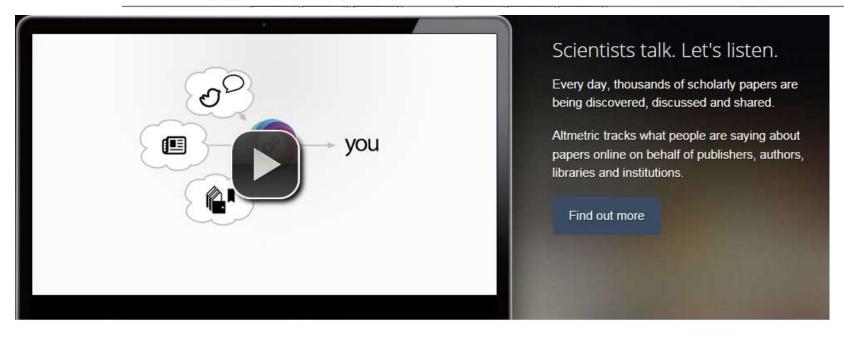
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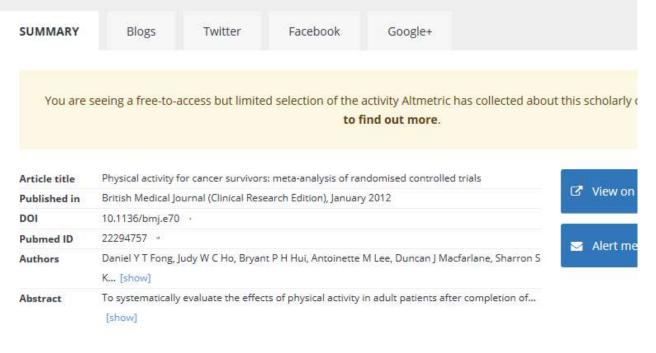
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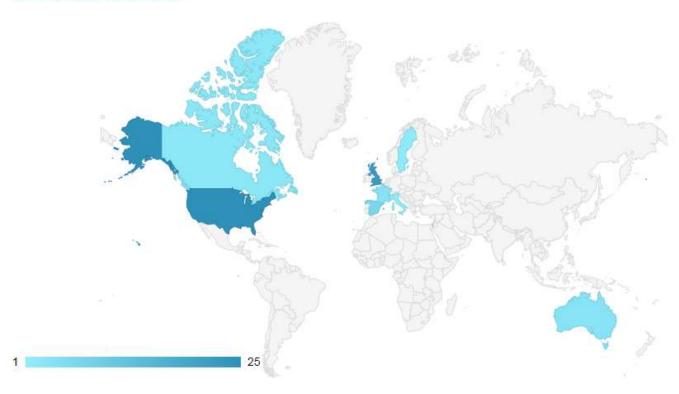


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Abstract

Brachycephalic obstructive airway syndrome (BOAS) is an important health and welfare problem in several popular dog breeds. Whole-body barometric plethysmography (WBBP) is a non-invasive method that allows safe and repeated quantitative measurements of respiratory cycles on unsedated dogs. Here respiratory flow traces in French bulldogs from the pet population were characterised using WBBP, and a computational application was developed to recognise affected animals. Eighty-nine French bulldogs and twenty non-brachycephalic controls underwent WBBP testing. A respiratory functional grading system was used on each dog based on respiratory signs (i.e. respiratory noise, effort, etc.) before and after exercise For douglarment of an objective ROAS electifier functional Grades 0 and I were considered to CrossMark



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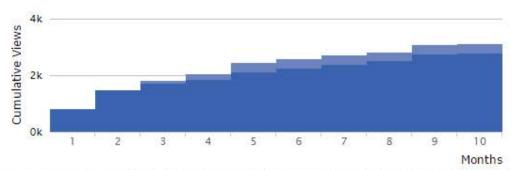
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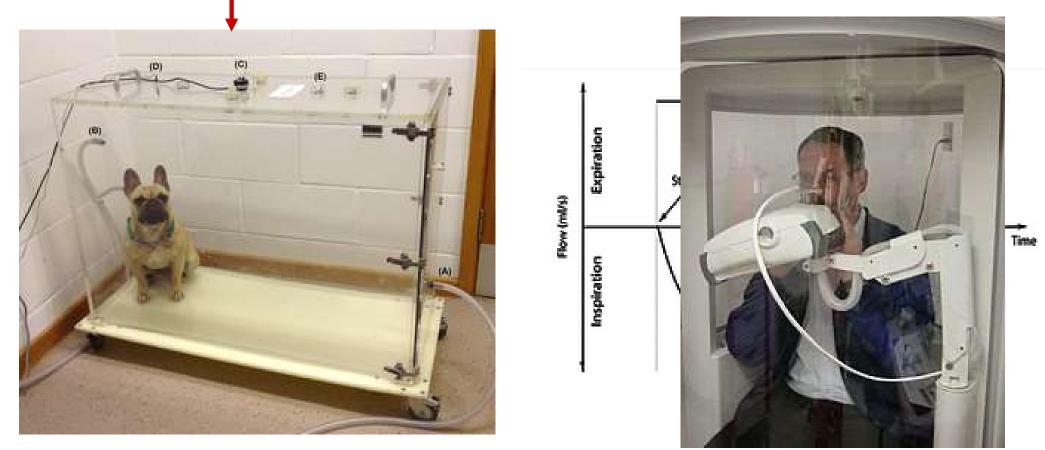
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Year	Number of publishers
2011	18
2012	23
2013	225
2014	477
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What do you have to say?

 Consider publishing when you have information that advances understanding in your field of research

What form is your publication going to take?

- Scientific paper presenting new, original results or methods
 - Full length article
 - Short communication

What form is your publication going to take?

- Study protocol e.g. for an experimental study, clinical trial, systematic review or an epidemiological study (clinical trial, cohort study or casecontrol study)
- Letter to the editor

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- Literature review
 - Traditional narrative review
 - Systematic review

Consider where are you would like to publish

Be realistic – evaluate your work + ask supervisor(s) + colleagues

- Peer-reviewed journal
 - Print/electronic journal
 - Open access
- Case report(s)/series
- Review/CPD/CE articles

→ Journal scope, aims + editorial criteria

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Selecting the right journal – is your research within the journal's scope?

- Check which journals you have included in your reference list of papers
- It's a bad sign if you don't recognise any of the editorial board members!

Do NOT submit one manuscript to >1 journal at the same time!

Other factors to consider in selecting a journal

What's in it for you?

- Audience/readership society journal, open access
- Impact factor → tells you how many times papers in one journal are cited on average – traditional journal level citation-based metrics
- Other measures article level metrics Altmetrics ...
- Publication times average times from submission to first decision,
 to acceptance + to publication



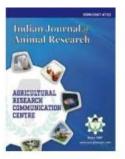






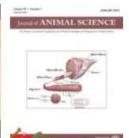






















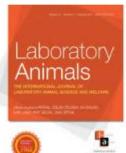




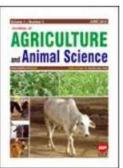




















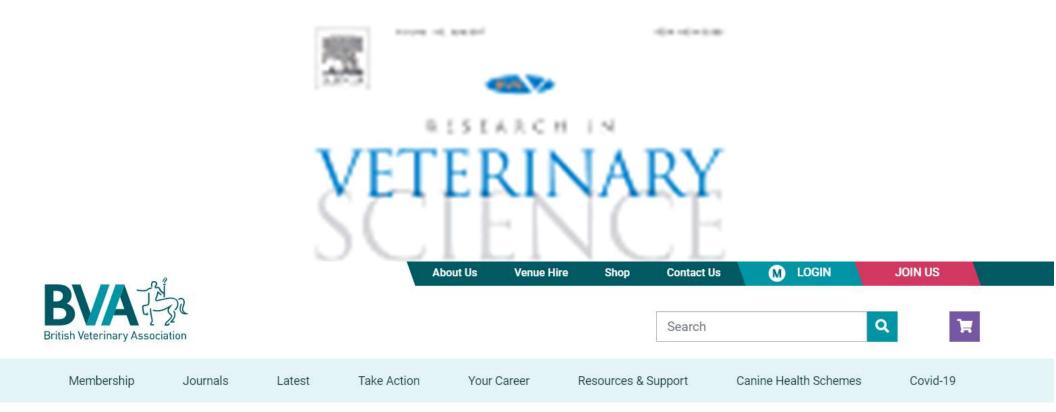




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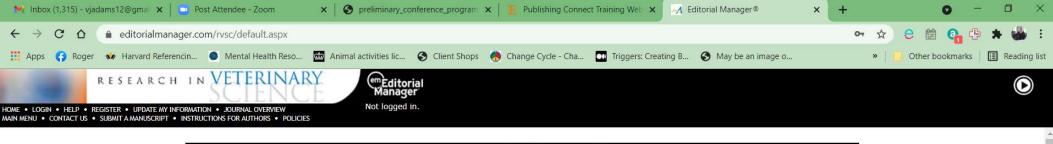
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Structuring a scientific paper

IMRaD ...

Structuring a scientific paper

Title
Author names + affiliations
Abstract
Keywords

These first 4 section headings make the manuscript easy to Journal space is limited submit a concise manuscript

Introduction
Methods
Results
+
Discussion

Introduction
Main text

IMRaD format:

The purpose of each section is to answer certain questions

Additional sections usually required on submission [journal-specific] + each has a purpose

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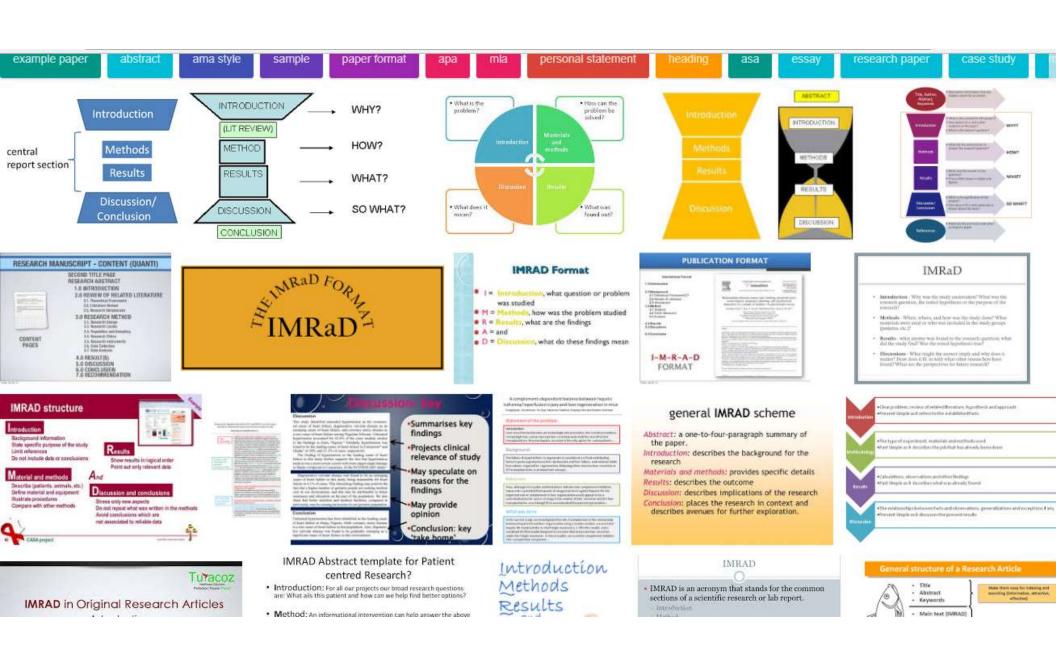
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Discussion: What does it mean?



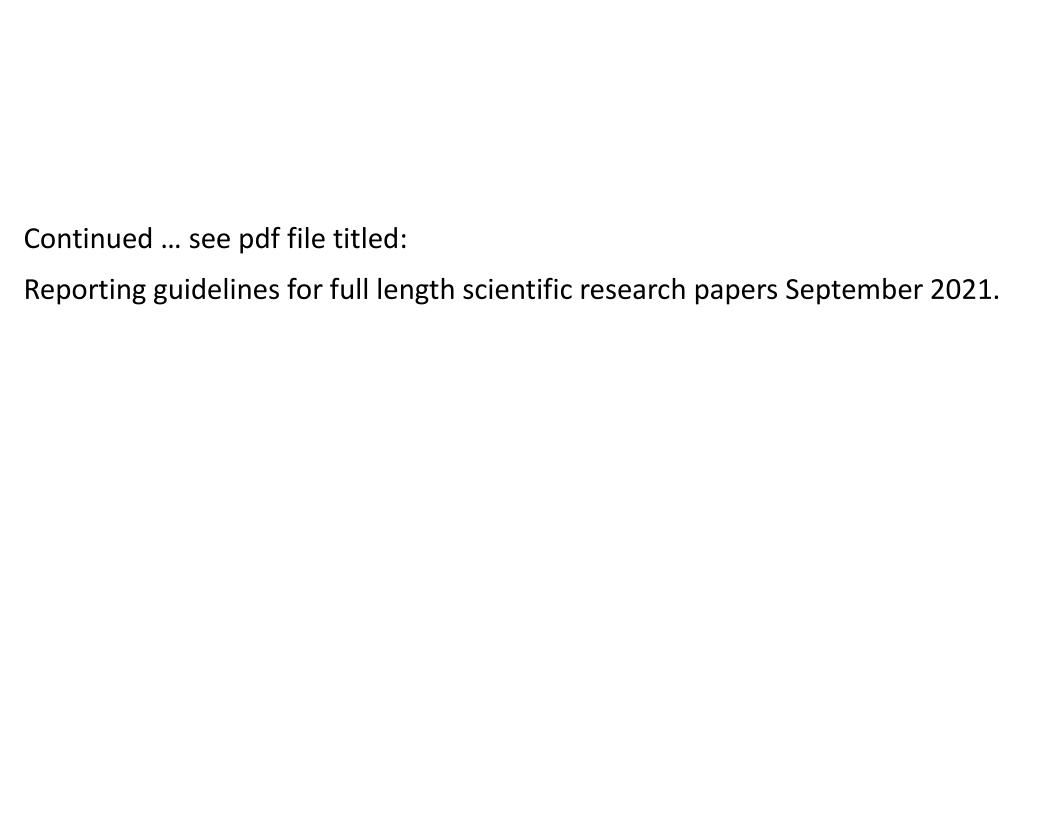
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Research findings in journals are usually presented in the <u>IMRaD</u> format (Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion). The purpose of each of these sections is to answer certain questions. Additional sections are required for submission to specific journals and they each have a purpose (see table below). The sections in yellow are often poorly written and this then results in a long and confusing discussion section.

Title – start with a working title and acknowledge that it will likely change as the paper writing progresses.

Section	Purpose/Question to answer	Detail
Title	 To sum up your work in a single sentence or phrase(s). You may also need to write a shorter running title. 	 Should include the answer to the research question, study design and possibly sample size. Needs to be brief, <u>specific</u> and clear in summing up and differentiating
		your work from the work of others.



What the abstract giveth, the methods taketh away!

Tips for writing a scientific paper

Focus on a story that progresses logically, rather than chronologically

 Take time to think about the logic of the presentation before you start writing

Don't try to write + edit at the same time

Just write + keep the flow of writing going

When it comes to proof reading + editing

Read the paper out loud

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How I write a paper ...

- State your aim/objective/hypothesis end of the Introduction
- Write a working Title
- Write the Methods including the sub-section on statistical analysis
- Start writing the Results complete as you do more analysis
- Write a first draft of the Discussion
- Write the Introduction
- Write the Abstract last
- Revise the Title if needed

Writing a good manuscript

Importance of using suitable scientific language

- In all sections of your manuscript
 - So the editors + reviewers will understand your manuscript
 - It will save you time
- Poorly written manuscripts are more likely to be rejected or unsubmitted
- It is your responsibility as the author
 - Check any guidelines + other writing resources on the journal's website
 - Most publishers offer language editing services although these do usually come with a fee

How to submit your manuscript

Follow the journal guidelines + use checklists if provided

- Word count
- Sections IMRaD + others Acknowledgements, Supplemental material
- Cover letter do not repeat your abstract, please date it + make sure it is addressed to the correct journal!
- Mostly electronic e.g. via ScholarOne

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- National Research Council's Institute for Laboratory Animal Research guidelines: the Gold Standard Publication Checklist from Hooijmans and colleagues
- Minimum Information Guidelines from Diverse Bioscience Communities (MIBBI) website; Biosharing website
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The ARRIVE Guidelines

Animal Research: Reporting of In Vivo Experiments

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The ARRIVE (Animal Research: Reporting of *In Vivo* Experiments) guidelines were developed as part of an NC3Rs initiative to improve the design, analysis and reporting of research using animals – maximising information published and minimising unnecessary studies. The guidelines were published in the online journal *PLOS Biology* in June 2010 and are currently endorsed by scientific journals, major funding bodies and learned societies.

The guidelines are intended to:

- Improve reporting of research using animals.
- Guide authors as to the essential information to include in a manuscript, and not be absolutely prescriptive.
- Be flexible to accommodate reporting a wide range of research areas and experimental protocols.
- Promote reproducible, transparent, accurate, comprehensive, concise, logically ordered, well written

The guidelines are NOT intended to:

- Promote uniformity, stifle creativity, or encourage authors to adhere rigidly to all items in the checklist. Some of the items may not apply to all studies, and some items can be presented as tables/figure legends or flow diagrams (e.g. the numbers of animals treated, assessed and analysed).
- Be a guide for study design and conduct.
 However, some items on the checklist, such as randomisation, blinding and

What kind of research areas do the guidelines apply to?

- The guidelines will be most appropriate for comparative studies, where two or more groups of experimental animals are being compared; often one or more of the groups may be considered as a control. They apply also to studies comparing different drug doses, or, for example, where a single animal is used as its own control (within-subject experiment).
- Most of the recommendations also eaply to studies that do not have a

How might these guidelines be used?

The guidelines provide a checklist for those preparing or reviewing a manuscript intended for publication.

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You can usually nominate 2 or more preferred reviewers

Please do take the time to do this – editors really appreciate it

As well as name 1 or more non-preferred reviewers

• + usually have to say why or include a sentence in the cover letter as to why ... conflict of interest

Most journals aim to get at least 2 reviews + many require or use >2

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Respond to each + every one of the reviewers' + editor's comments

• It is OK to rebut if you disagree but don't ignore any comments If reviewer/editor says a sentence/paragraph/section is not clear, then IT IS NOT CLEAR!

If your manuscript is rejected

Don't give up

- Rejection rates can be high for many journals
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