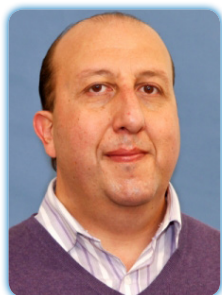


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How to publish pharmaceutical research findings in reputable journals: An Editor-In-Chief perspective

Oxford dictionary defines research as the systematic investigation into and study of materials and sources in order to establish facts and reach new conclusions. Merriam-Webster dictionary defines research as studious inquiry or examination; especially investigation or experimentation aimed at the discovery and interpretation of facts, revision of accepted theories or laws in the light of new facts or practical application of such new or revised theories or laws. Academic institutes worldwide consider research as a key academic domain and would expect all their academic staff to conduct and engage in research unless they are on a non-traditional contract (teaching fellow, teaching practitioner, demonstrator, hourly paid lecturers, etc.). Career progression and promotion in academic institutes involves a thorough and comprehensive review and critique of research outputs. The contribution of a particular academic staff member is assessed; the quality and quantity of journal articles published are scrutinized. Successful publication of scientific outputs is a demanding exercise especially when the target publication medium is a reputable and well established journal. The aim of this keynote presentation is to shed light on the editorial process involved in reviewing and making editorial decisions on scientific manuscripts submitted for publication in *Pharmaceutical Development and Technology*; a Taylor and Francis journal that has been in publication for 22 years and has an impact factor of 1.86. An overview of the various metrics used in ranking journals and individual scientific outputs will be covered. Tips on how to prepare a manuscript; to improve chances of success with manuscript submission for publication in leading journals will be given.

Biography

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