

Scientific Writing Notes & Tips

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- Why
- How
- What

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- Why is this work important?
- How did you do it?
- What did you find?


General Structure of a Paper

- Title:
- Abstract:
- Introduction:
- Methods:
- Results:
- Discussion:
- Conclusion:

General Structure of a Paper

- **Title:** a concise reflection of the main objective/conclusion
- **Abstract:** a brief description of data/method used in the study and main findings
- **Introduction:** describing the state of knowledges and motivation
- **Methods:** describing data, model, analysis methods
- **Results:** describing the findings based on the data presented in the paper
- **Discussion:** discussing the results and their interpretation, and possible weakness/discrepancies
- **Conclusion:** summarizing the main findings, any limitations, and areas of future research

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- Title: **the face**
 - Abstract: **the skeleton**
 - Introduction:
 - Methods:
 - Results:
 - Discussion:
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- the vital organs**
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Other Tips & Notes

- **Concise writing:**
 - each sentence helps support the topic
 - do not present unnecessary or irrelevant information
 - all acronyms are defined first before using them
- **Good figures:**
 - all figures should be content relevant
 - use appropriate color scales and label sizes
 - use clear symbols and lines
 - avoid crowded graphics
- **Proper English grammars:**
 - typos, improper use of articles and tense
 - unconventional English writing
- **Revise, revise, revise!!!**
 - careful proofreading before submission