

## Writing and Publishing Your Delirium Research: Practical Tips from an Editor

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7	<b><u>Know Your Delirium Audience – Research Journals in Your Field</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Visit your university library</li><li>• Look at publisher and journal websites (iDelirium, NIDUS, HELP citation list)</li><li>• Talk to peers in NIDUS, ADS, EDA, Surgery, Pediatrics, Nursing</li><li>• Pick your type: generalist or niche? International or region specific?</li><li>• Read and understand the journal’s aims and scope</li></ul>
9	<b><u>The Stages to go Through Before Submitting</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Idea</li><li>2) Choose and read journal</li><li>3) Letter or email inquiry</li><li>4) Write first draft (see tips for large study or dissertation)</li><li>5) Use critical friend or editor</li><li>6) Refine further drafts</li><li>7) Revise and revise, cut back and get critical feedback and approval from ALL authors</li><li>8) Proof read and submit</li></ol>
10	<b><u>Steps to Successfully Submit an Article for Publication</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Step 1: Identify 2-3 target journals</li><li>2) Step 2: Tailor to journal—frame for the readership, write to specifications, format to submission, specifications, English check</li><li>3) Step 3a: Submit-short cover letter and all documents</li><li>4) Step 3b: if rejected, go to next journal, make important/easy changes, resubmit</li><li>5) Step 4: Response to reviews—draft the response letter first to develop revision strategy, re-write as needed, highlight changes, cross-check revisions and letter, submit within deadline</li></ol>
14	<b><u>Your Submission Checklist</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A title page file with the names of all authors and co-authors</li><li>• Main document file with abstract, keywords, main text, and all references</li><li>• Figure, image, or table files (with permission cleared)</li><li>• Any extra files, such as your supplemental materials</li><li>• Biographical notes</li><li>• Your cover letter</li></ul>
22-26	<b><u>Develop Good Writing Habits</u></b>