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# Original research articles

Detailed structure

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# Topics:



# Structure in details

The most interesting part ahead of us ;-))

## IMRaD

- *I*ntroduction why did your study need to be done?
- *M*ethods what did you do?
- **R**esults what did you find? **a**nd
- **D**iscussion how will your study advance the field?

Linking your ideas

### Answer the *four key questions* for your reader



Logically link your ideas throughout your manuscript

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### **Research cycle and Necessity to publish**



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# Introduction

Introduction – why your study need to be done?



### Good opening sentence:

worldwide relevance or very general

More specialized: what is currently known? - up-to-date - -international review Very specialized: - Identify the gap - Identify the problem Formulate aims and objective based on the problem and gaps

# Method

#### Method - what did you do and how?



## What or who did you used?

## How it was done?



- Research design
- Ethical issues
- Samples
- Material
- Participants (Subjects)
- Procedure
- Tasks
- Techniques
- Equipment
- Data reduction
- Statistical analysis

# Results

Results - what did you find?

## Logical presentation

- Initial observation
- Characterization
- Aplication

## Subsections

Paragraph or subsections correspond to one figure or one table

### **Factual description**

You describe FACTS not what they MEAN

# Discussion

Discussion - how your study advance the field



**Implications** 

#### **Future directions**

### Discussion

# **Strong conclusions...** What do you want your readers to remember about your study?

In conclusion, polymeric nanoparticles could be used as a generic carrier of hydrophobic drugs for efficient delivery. Compared with drug administration alone, these nanoparticles mediated a higher and more rapid uptake of the encapsulated drug by nanoparticle-cell contact-mediated transfer. A contact-mediated mechanism of delivery into the cytosol could enable effective delivery of anticancer drugs directly to the intracellular molecular targets. Further understanding of this contact-based transfer mechanism will be important to exploit this novel delivery system for the administration of hydrophobic chemotherapeutic drugs to improve cancer therapy.



Modified from: Snipstad et al. Cancer Nanotech. 2014; 5: 8.

Discussion according to CONSORT – randomized trials (Consolidated Standards of Reporting Trials)

- Suggested structure for discussion of scientific papers
- •Statement of principal findings
- •Strengths and weaknesses of the study
- •Strengths and weaknesses in relation to other studies, discussing particularly any differences in results
- •Meaning of the study: possible mechanisms and implications for clinicians or policymakers
- •Unanswered questions and future research

Source: Docherty Michael, Smith Richard. The case for structuring the discussion of scientific papers Much the same as that for structuring abstracts. BMJ 1999; 318 :1224 <u>https://doi.org/10.1136/bmj.318.7193.1224</u>



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## Selling your paper

### If you can't make it good, at least make it look good

#### Bill Gates

It is all about Windows Vista. When Vista was designed, some excitement was created. But it failed to raise to the expectation. But its appearance was attractive. In this context Bill quoted "If you can't make it good, at least make it look good."

https://www.goodreads.com/quotes/100241-if-you-can-t-make-it-good-at-least-make-it

## Title and abstract

### Title – summary of your study

### Abstract – concise summary of your paper

### **BOTH OF THEM MAKE THE FIRST IMPRESSION!**

## Abstract

- Aims Importance of your topic
- Results

Significance of your study

• Conclusions

Relevance of your study

Abstract

## Background









Why the study was done

Aim and/or objectives of the study

Techniques

Most important findings

Conclusions/ implications