

Agenda and Objectives

By the end of today, you should understand:

- How to get the most out of the writing process
 - Editorial processes and how to work with them
 - What it takes to get published in top-ranked journals
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Day 1

09:00 Welcome and Introductions

09:15 What makes a *Nature* paper?

Example of what top tier journal editors look for in a manuscript

10:00 Practical exercise 1: You're the Editor – Making a Decision

10:30 Selecting a Journal

Finding the best publication for your paper and pre-submission enquiries

11:00 Break

11:15 Figure Presentation

An interactive module on designing clear and informative figures and tables

12:00 Elements of Writing Style

The golden rules of writing and structuring the text in your paper

12:30 Lunch

13:15 Practical exercise 2: Brevity

13:30 Titles and Abstracts

How to create an engaging and brief Title and Abstract

14:00 Practical exercise 3: Abstract Writing

15:00 Break

15:15 From Introduction to Conclusion

A guide to structuring each part of the paper to facilitate clear writing

16:00 Submitting your Paper

Submission procedures, making a case to editors, and tips on structuring and writing a good cover letter

16:30 End of day and homework

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Day 2

09:00 Recap and overview

09:15 Practical exercise 4: Reviewing your abstracts (homework)

11:00 Break

11:15 The Editorial Process

An overview of editorial processes at top tier journals.

11:45 Practical exercise 5: Deciphering Decision Letters

12:15 Lunch

13:00 Mechanisms of Peer Review

An overview of peer-review, tips on writing rebuttal letters when responding to reviewer's comments, and how to be a good peer reviewer yourself

13:45 Practical exercise 6: You're the Editor - Choosing Referees

14:15 Break

14:30 Journal Decisions

What happens next? Guidelines to follow after a paper is accepted or requires revision, and dealing with rejection

15:00 Practical exercise 7: Referee Reports

15:45 Measuring Impact

An overview of research metrics of research and researchers

16:15 Discussion

16:45 End of day