Presentation to Publication

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P3: Presentation to Publication Research Guide





Learning Objectives

- Discuss differences between poster presentations and paper manuscripts
- Identify methods to develop research in manuscript form through updated literature reviews
- Understand distinctions between Open Access models and publishing formats
- Perceive available Transformative Agreements

What's the difference between poster and paper projects in the health sciences?



Poster To Paper: The Manuscript

From a content standpoint, there are several issues to consider when converting a poster to a manuscript:

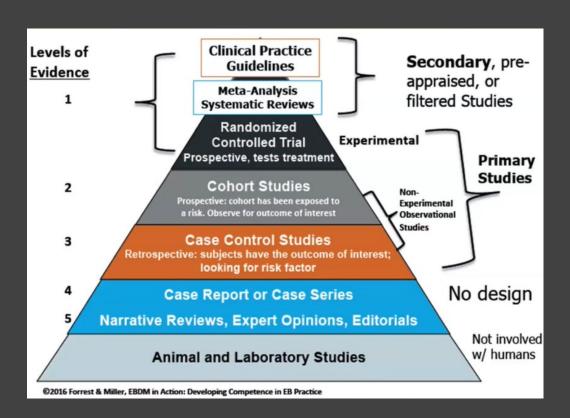
- Study Design
- Formatting and Structure
- Literature Review Development
- Verb tense and formal usage
- Figures and Tables
- Citation Management and Storage





Study Design

- In the health sciences, official research can be primary, secondary, or even tertiary.
- Official, Peer-Reviewed Research Reports can be an original experiment or investigation (primary), an analysis or evaluation of primary research (secondary), or findings that compile secondary research (tertiary).
- Further classification can be divided into Observational Studies, Trials, Reviews*
- Poster content does not always acknowledge this, but journals will require study identification.





What does IMRAD stand for?



Formatting and Structure

Formatting

- The structure of a manuscript often depends on the study design
- Trials and Prospective Observational Studies are normally adapted to an IMRAD Format as will most Systematic Reviews/Meta-Analysis
- Basic review articles, case reports & series, and retrospective analysis may not always follow this pattern

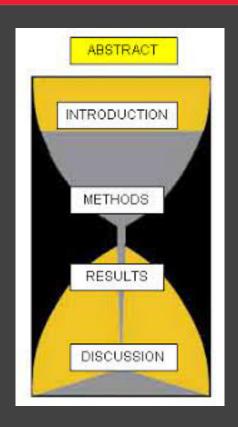
I – Introduction

M – Methods

R - Results

A – and

D - Discussion





Formatting and Structure

Within the manuscript, there will often be a requirement for further section headings, mostly in the Methods and Results.*

Methods/Methodology

- Intervention Techniques
- Search methods
- Study-Specific Protocol
- Applied Scales and Measurements
- Endpoints
- Statistical Analysis

Results

- Baseline Data
- Clinical Examination
- Primary/Secondary Endpoints
- Scores
- Adverse Effects

*Discussions often merge with formal Conclusions



What other sections are generally required for a formal research report manuscript?



Literature Reviews

The Literature Review

- A process, or a formal inquiry into a subject with special attention paid to prior research.
- A part of a document, or the background knowledge compiled about prior research on a topic
- A document in and of itself, formal research paper constituting steps undertaken after inquiring into a particular subject, identifying relevant research, and synthesizing its information.



Lit Review Steps

Literature Review Steps

- 1. Identify a research question. For example: "Does the use of warfarin in elderly patients recovering from myocardial infarction help prevent stroke?"
- 2. Consider which databases might provide information for your topic. Often PubMed or CINAHL will cover a wide spectrum of biomedical issues. However, other databases and grey literature sources may specialize in certain disciplines. Embase is generally comprehensive but also specializes in pharmacological interventions.
- 3. Select the major subjects or ideas from your question. Focus in on the particular concepts involved in your research. Then brainstorm synonyms and related terminology for these topics.
- 4. Look for the preferred indexing terms for each concept in your question.

This is especially important with databases such as PubMed, CINAHL, or Scopus where headings within the MeSH database or under the Emtree umbrella are present. For example, the above question's keywords such as "warfarin" or "myocardial infarction" can involve related terminology or subject headings such as "anti-coagulants" or "cardiovascular disease."

- 5. Build your search using boolean operators. Combine the synonyms in your database using boolean operators such as AND or OR. Sometimes it is necessary to research parts of a question rather than the whole. So you might link searches for things like the preventive effects of anti-coagulants with stroke or embolism, then AND these results with the therapy for patients with cardiovascular disease.
- 6. Filter and save your search results from the first database (do this for all databases). This may be a short list because of your topic's limitations, but it should be no longer than 15 articles for an initial search. Make sure your list is saved or archived and presents you with what's needed to access the full text.
- 7. Use the same process with the next databases on your list. But pay attention to how certain major headings may alter the terminology. "Stroke" may have a suggested term of "embolism" or even "cerebrovascular incident" depending on the database.
- 8. Read through the material for inclusion/exclusion. Based on your project's criteria and objective, consider which studies or reviews deserve to be included and which should be discarded. Make sure the information you have permits you to go forward.

Lit Review Steps

9. Write the literature review. Begin by summarizing why your research is important and explain why your approach will help fill gaps in current knowledge. The incorporate how the information you've selected will help you to do this. You do not need to write about all of the included research you've chosen, only the most pertinent.

10. Select the most relevant literature for inclusion in the body of your report. Choose the articles and data sets that are most particularly relevant to your experimental approach. Consider how you might arrange these sources in the body of your draft.

- Lit Reviews as a part of larger investigations will almost always appear in the introduction.
- Further development and follow-up appear mostly in the Discussion

Introduction

The socio-economic costs of migraine are enormous due to its high prevalence and disability during attacks [1–3]. Acute pharmacological treatment is usually the first treatment option for migraine in adults. Migraineurs with frequent attacks, insufficient effect and/or contraindication to acute medication are potential candidates for prophylactic treatment.

Correspondence: A. Chaibi, Head and Neck Research Group, Research Centre, Akershus University Hospital, 1478, Lørenskog, Norway (tel.: +47 911 35 213; e-mail: aleksander.chaibi@medisin. uio.no). Migraine prophylactic treatment is often pharmacological, but manual therapy is not unusual, especially if pharmacological treatment fails or if the patient wishes to avoid medicine [4]. Research has suggested that spinal manipulative therapy may stimulate neural inhibitory systems at different spinal cord levels because it might activate various central descending inhibitory pathways [5–10].

Pharmacological randomized controlled trials (RCTs) are usually double-blinded, but this is not possible in manual-therapy RCTs, as the interventional therapist cannot be blinded. At present there is no consensus on a sham procedure in manual-therapy

RCTs that mimics placebo in pharmacological RCTs [11]. Lack of a proper sham procedure is a major limitation in all previous manual-therapy RCTs [12,13]. Recently, we developed a sham chiropractic spinal manipulative therapy (CSMT) procedure, where participants with migraine were unable to distinguish between real and sham CSMT evaluated after each of 12 individual interventions over a 3-month period [14].

The first objective of this study was to conduct a manual-therapy three-armed, single-blinded, placebo RCT for migraineurs with a methodological standard similar to that of pharmacological RCTs.

The second objective was to assess the efficacy of CSMT versus sham manipulation (placebo) and CSMT versus controls, i.e. participants who continued their usual pharmacological management.

Intervention statement follows lit review



Why would further research on a project be needed if you've already done a formal lit review for the poster?



Tables & Figures

Tables & Charts

Though preliminary tables may exist in any form, formatting within a manuscript should always adhere to the submission guidelines of the proposed journal. Be sure to examine the style manual required by your publication, and adapt the tabulation quality and file format accordingly. Though tabular data sets can be compiled relatively easily within software programs such as Excel, further software may be needed to convert the files to the required file type.

Table Generating Tools

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Tables & Figures

Figures

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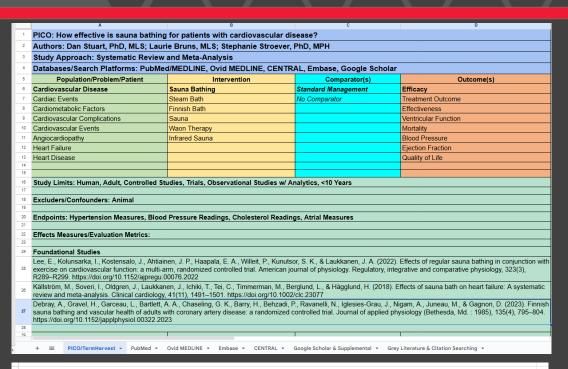
Workflows Organization

Documentation, Citation, and Bibliographies



Documenting the Review

- Gathering all the best available evidence requires proper documentation
- Organizing your query, harvested terms, search strategies, iterations, and hand searches is vital for accurately recording your review process
- An Excel or Word document is useful for properly managing your information. Consult a librarian for the best way to do this using Google Sheets.



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Reporting Guidelines

To ensure that your manuscript abides by all needed standards, you will likely want to confirm your methodology and reporting items with an official reporting guideline.

Such guidelines, often itemized checklists organized by official advisory boards, will outline all the needed criteria for select studies.

The best possible place to find these reporting guidelines will be on organizational websites such as the "Enhancing the Quality and Transparency of Health Research," or EQUATOR.



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EQUATOR highlights

14/08/2024 - Data sharing reporting: position statement from the EQUATOR Network

The EQUATOR Network executive group have recently published a

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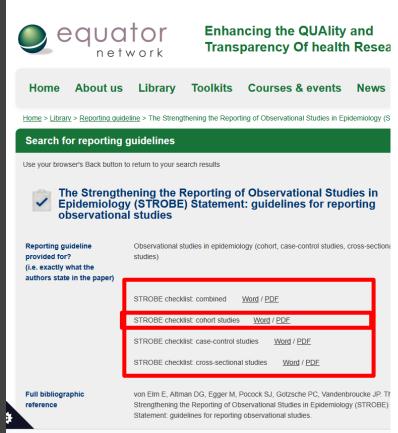
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Title and abstract	1	(a) Indicate the study's design with a commonly used to
		(b) Provide in the abstract an informative and balanced
		and what was found
Introduction		
Background/rationale	2	Explain the scientific background and rationale for the i
Objectives	3	State specific objectives, including any prespecified hyr
Methods		
Study design	4	Present key elements of study design early in the paper
Setting	5	Describe the setting, locations, and relevant dates, inclu
		exposure, follow-up, and data collection
Participants	6	(a) Give the eligibility criteria, and the sources and met
		participants. Describe methods of follow-up
		(b) For matched studies, give matching criteria and nur
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Variables	7	Clearly define all outcomes, exposures, predictors, pote
		modifiers. Give diagnostic criteria, if applicable
Data sources/	8*	For each variable of interest, give sources of data and d
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		more than one group
Bias	9	Describe any efforts to address potential sources of bias
Study size	10	Explain how the study size was arrived at
Quantitative variables	11	Explain how quantitative variables were handled in the
		describe which groupings were chosen and why
Statistical methods	12	(a) Describe all statistical methods, including those used
		(b) Describe any methods used to examine subgroups at

(c) Explain how missing data were addressed

(d) If applicable, explain how loss to follow-up was add

STROBE Statement—Checklist of items that should be included in reports

Item

		(e) Describe any sensitivity analyses
Results		
Participants	13*	(a) Report numbers of individuals at each stage of study—eg numbers potentially
		eligible, examined for eligibility, confirmed eligible, included in the study,
		completing follow-up, and analysed
		(b) Give reasons for non-participation at each stage
		(c) Consider use of a flow diagram
Descriptive data	14*	(a) Give characteristics of study participants (eg demographic, clinical, social) and
		information on exposures and potential confounders
		(b) Indicate number of participants with missing data for each variable of interest
		(c) Summarise follow-up time (eg, average and total amount)
Outcome data	15*	Report numbers of outcome events or summary measures over time
Main results	16	(a) Give unadjusted estimates and, if applicable, confounder-adjusted estimates and
		their precision (eg, 95% confidence interval). Make clear which confounders were
		adjusted for and why they were included
		(b) Report category boundaries when continuous variables were categorized
		(c) If relevant, consider translating estimates of relative risk into absolute risk for a
		meaningful time period

Other analyses	17	Report other analyses done—eg analyses of subgroups and interactions, and sensitivity analyses
Discussion		
Key results	18	Summarise key results with reference to study objectives
Limitations	19	Discuss limitations of the study, taking into account sources of potential bias or imprecision. Discuss both direction and magnitude of any potential bias
Interpretation	20	Give a cautious overall interpretation of results considering objectives, limitations, multiplicity of analyses, results from similar studies, and other relevant evidence
Generalisability	21	Discuss the generalisability (external validity) of the study results
Other information		
Funding	22	Give the source of funding and the role of the funders for the present study and, if applicable, for the original study on which the present article is based

^{*}Give information separately for exposed and unexposed groups.

Note: An Explanation and Elaboration article discusses each checklist item and gives methodological background and published examples of transparent reporting. The STROBE checklist is best used in conjunction with this article (freely available on the Web sites of PLoS Medicine at http://www.plosmedicine.org/, Annals of Internal Medicine at http://www.annals.org/, and Epidemiology at http://www.epidem.com/). Information on the STROBE Initiative is available at http://www.strobe-statement.org.

Citation Management

You can save time citing your references by using a citation manager software. If you are wanting to merely collect and organize your reviewed literature, EndNote and Refworks can help you to do this with several platforms as can several other resources.

- EndNote @ TTUHSC https://ttuhsc.libguides.com/endnote
- RefWorks https://ttuhsc.libguides.com/refworks

Other Citation Management Software

- Mendeley desktop-based reference management tool with multiple interactive features allowing for scholarly collaboration and integrated research.
- Zotero can organize multiple media formats including A/V and other nontext-based platforms.



What further applications do citation managers possess?



EndNote Essentials

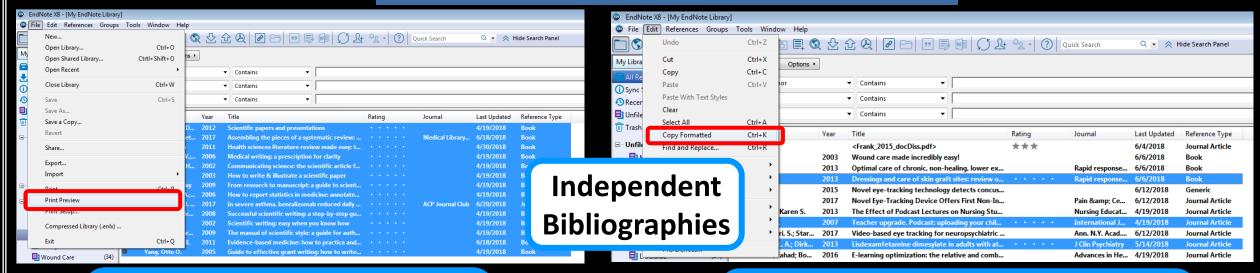
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EndNote is a reference management software designed to help create, store, organize, and share references. For collaborative studies, it is most useful for:

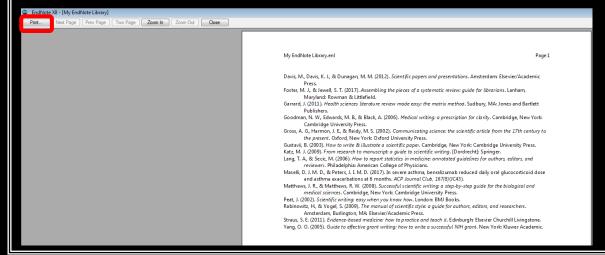
- Storing references in one place synced across multiple platforms
- Batch citation import and export from multiple databases
- Automatically formatting manuscripts in Word documents

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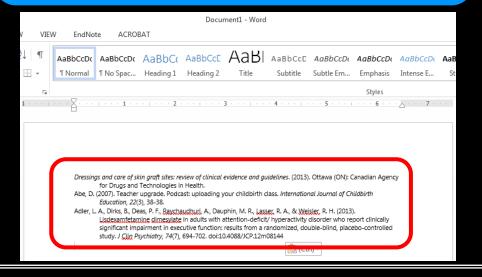
Formatting Bibliographies with EndNote



Select "Print Preview" from the File tab to preview and print selected bibliographies.



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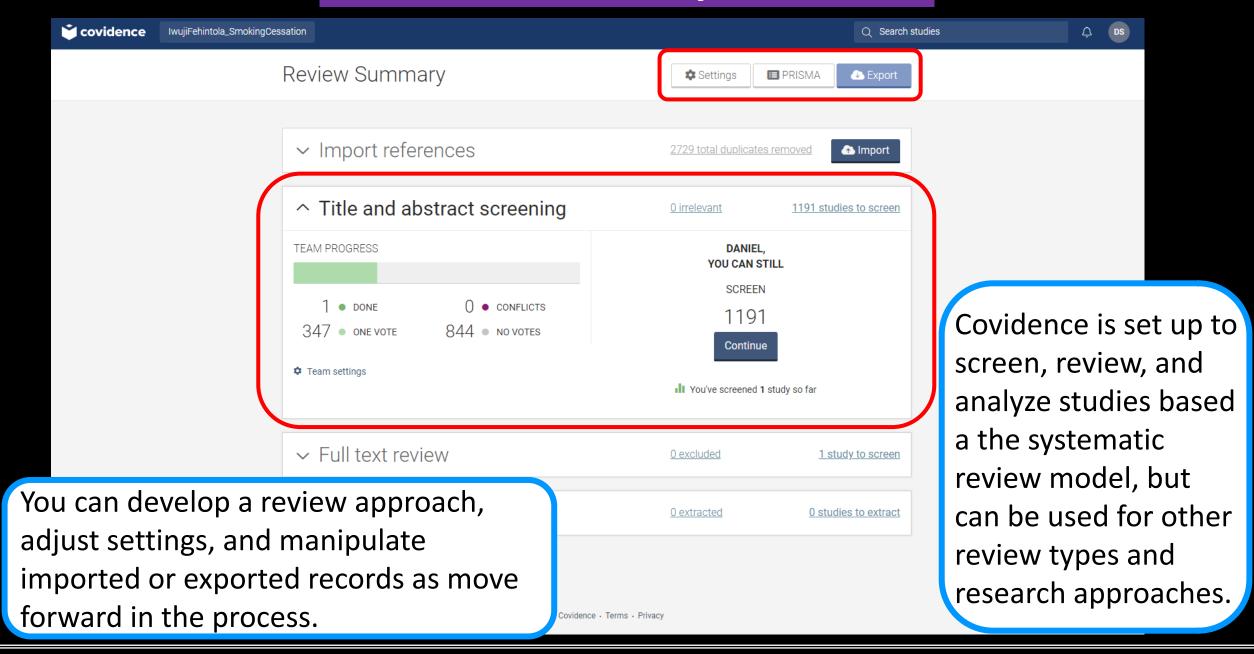
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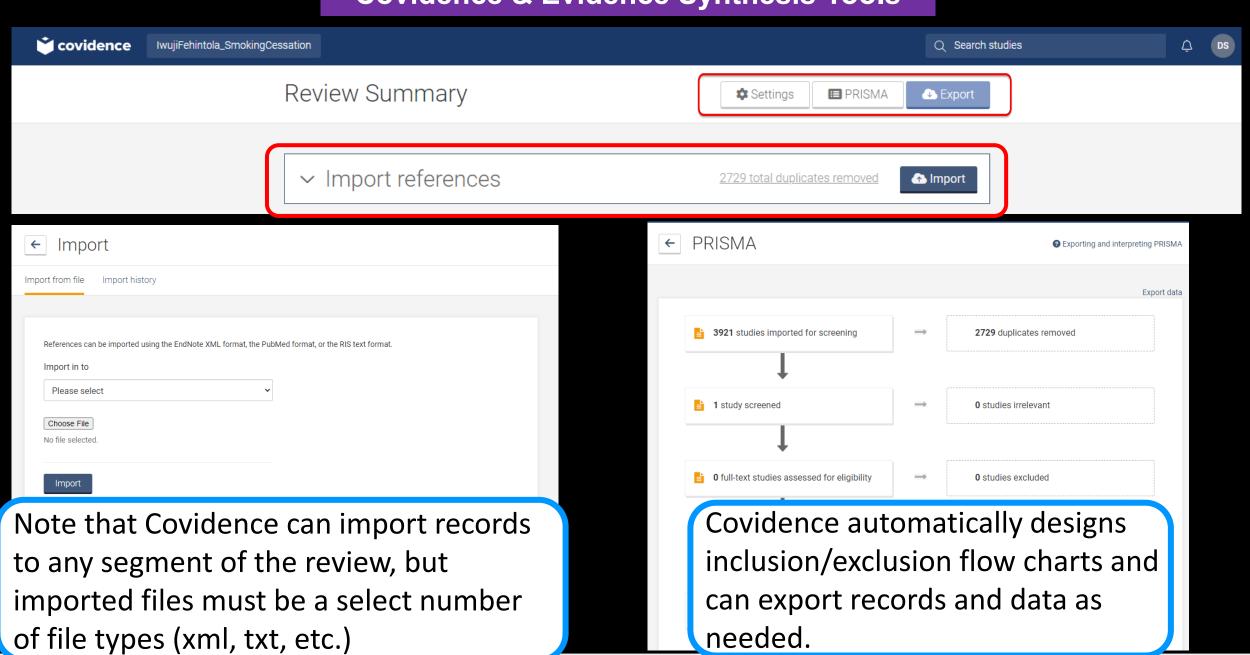
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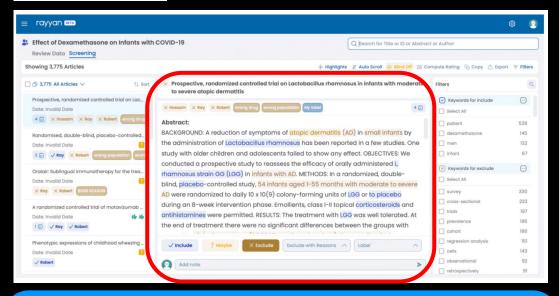
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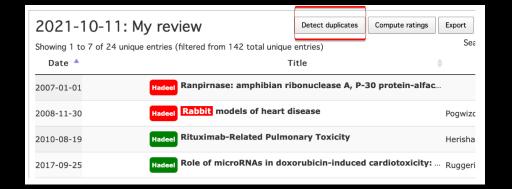






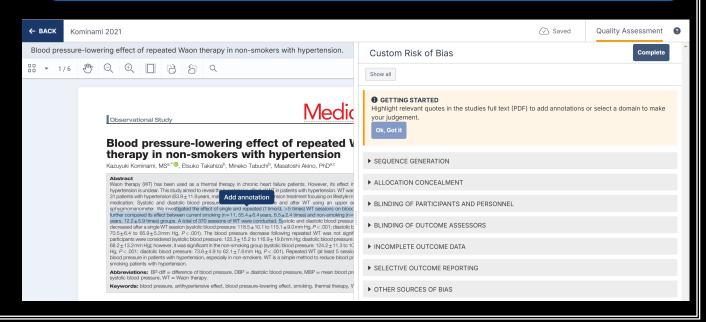


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Where To Publish

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- Locating an appropriate place for your work often requires a great deal of research in itself because in choosing a publication, one is trying to match their work to a reputable journal that also provides significant exposure.

 A journal's prestige or quality may be determined by its citation index and bibliometrics, but also by other critical standards within the field or discipline.



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Consider the following when submitting your work:

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- Cover Letter: Prepare a cover letter that not only says what you are submitting, but describes the original finding and why it would be appropriate.
- Follow-Up: Make sure to get an acknowledgment that your work has been received. Journals can receive thousands of submissions and can't always keep track of things.



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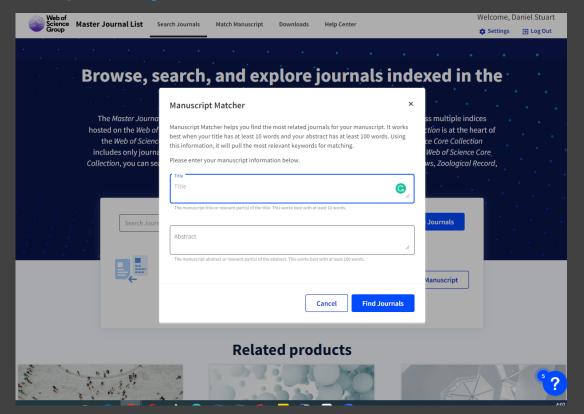
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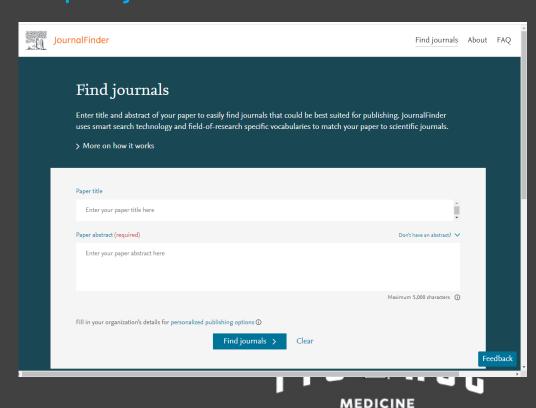
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Sample Trial: Topiramate versus Depakote for the Prevention of Migraine Disorders in Adults: A Randomised, Double-Blind, Active-Controlled Phase 4 Trial

Abstract

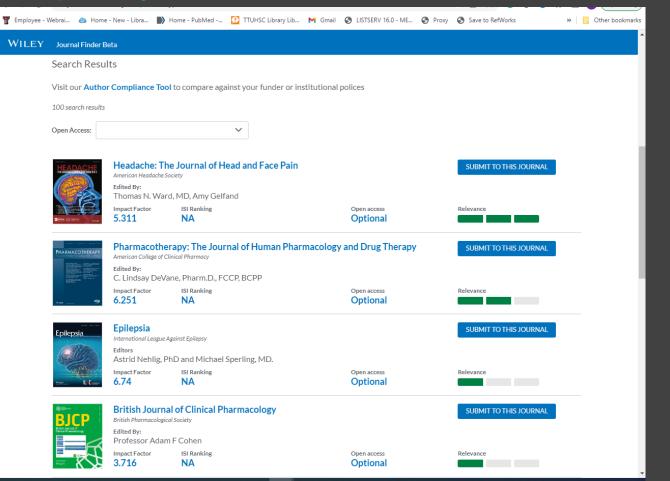
Introduction: Valproic acid is an anticonvulsant medication used to treat migraine headaches. It is believed to work by increasing the levels of the neurotransmitter gammaaminobutyric acid (GABA) in the brain, which can aid in the reduction of neurons associated with migraine. Several studies have shown that valproic acid can be an effective treatment for migraine. In fact, it has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the prevention of migraine headaches in adults. This study monitored the effects of valproic acid drugs Topiramate and Depakote on an adult cohort of migraine sufferers in a rural population. Methods: A 24-week, randomised, double-blind, doubledummy, controlled trial conducted in 11 sites.

Patients with ≥ 8 migraine days per month were randomly assigned (1:1) to either subcutaneous Topiramate (70 or 140 mg/month) or oral Depakote at the individual dose with optimal efficacy (50-100 mg/day). The primary endpoint was reduction of migraine or migraine aura episodes. Results: Two hundred and seventy-seven patients were randomized (from 20 February 2017 to 1 July, 2018) and 87.1% completed the study. In the Topiramate group, 12.6% experienced increased frequency between migraine episodes including aura-related complications compared to 27.9% in the Depakote group (odds ratio, 0.16; 95% confidence interval 0.09-0.21; p < 0.001). Significantly more patients also achieved a ≥50% reduction in monthly migraine days from baseline with Topiramate (55.4%) vs. 31.2%; odds ratio 2.76; 95% confidence interval 2.06-3.71; p < 0.001). Conclusions: Topiramate demonstrated a better overall tolerability and effectiveness profile compared to Depakote.

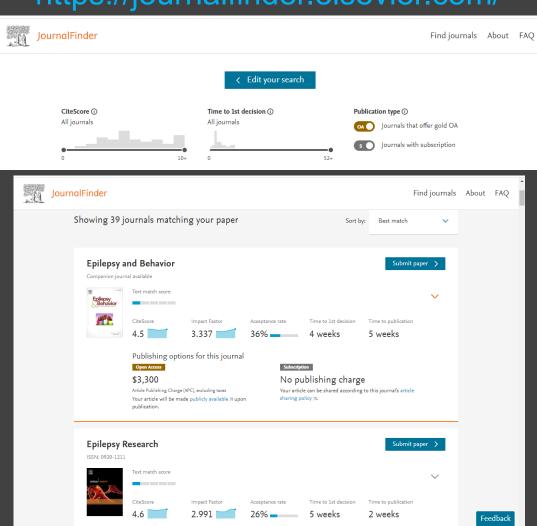


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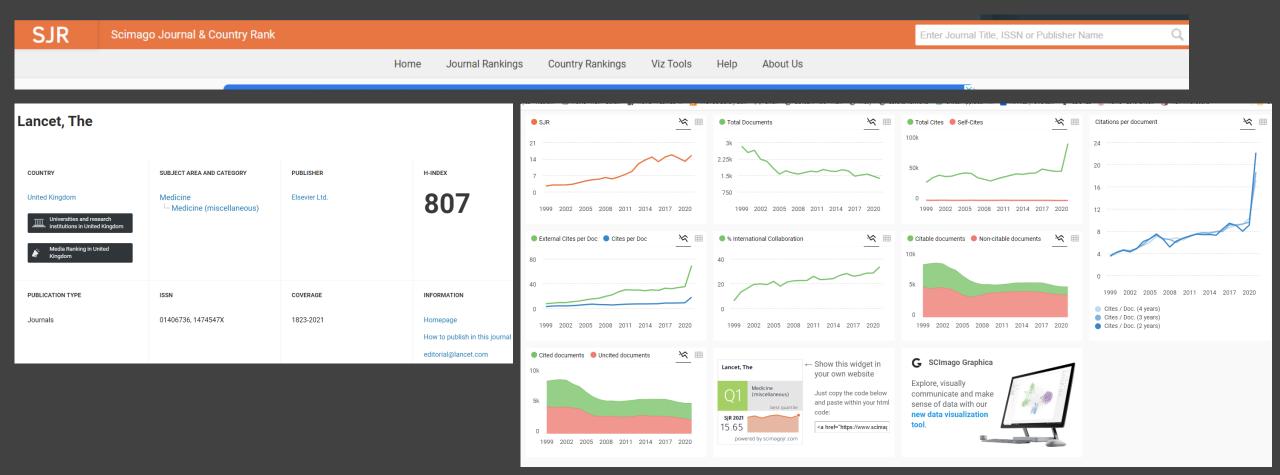




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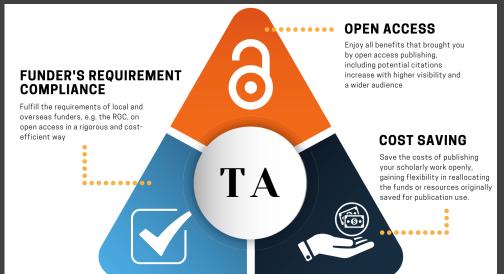
GREEN Open Access: The second type of open access journal is one where no fee is required. These publications typically receive funding from universities or advertising directly and exempt researchers from paying.



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- A transformative agreement with a publisher looks to shift the contracted payment from a library or group of libraries to a publisher away from subscription-based reading and toward open access publishing.
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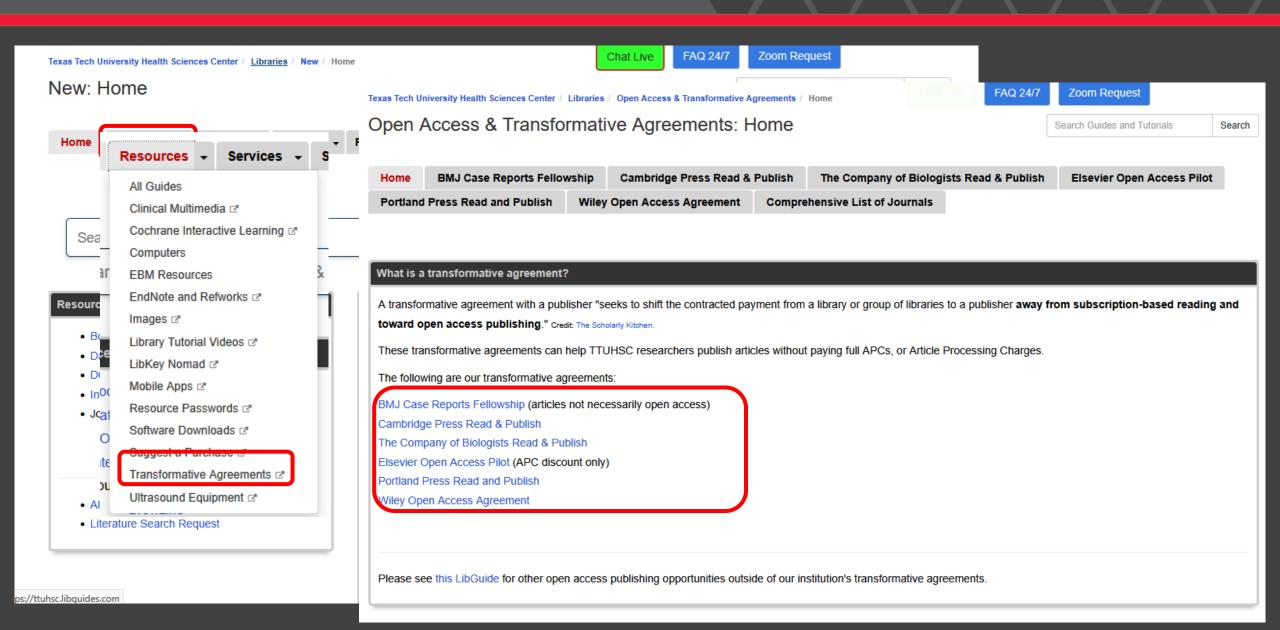
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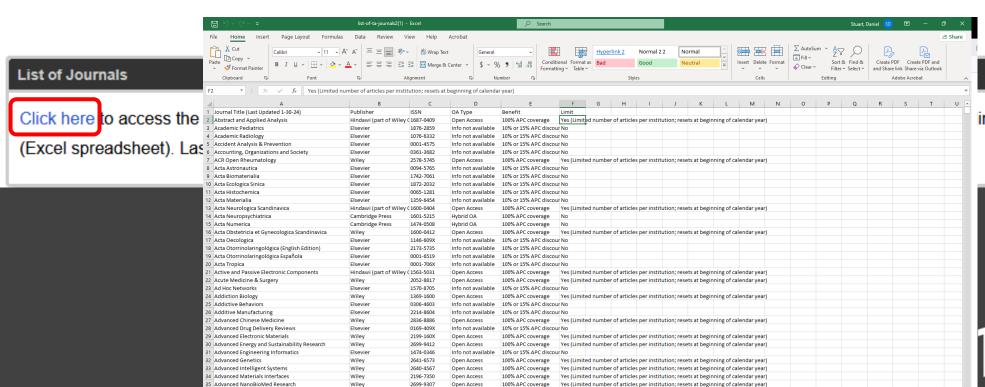
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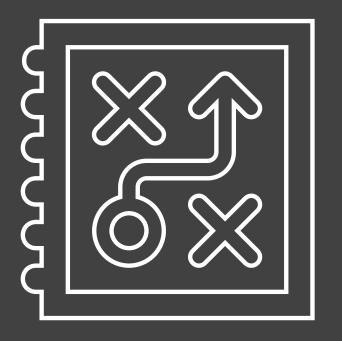
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Abstract

Introduction: Valproic acid is an anticonvulsant medication used to treat migraine headaches. It is believed to work by increasing the levels of the neurotransmitter gammaaminobutyric acid (GABA) in the brain, which can aid in the reduction of neurons associated with migraine. Several studies have shown that valproic acid can be an effective treatment for migraine. In fact, it has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the prevention of migraine headaches in adults. This study monitored the effects of valproic acid drugs Topiramate and Depakote on an adult cohort of migraine sufferers in a rural population. Methods: A 24-week, randomised, double-blind, doubledummy, controlled trial conducted in 11 sites.

Patients with ≥ 8 migraine days per month were randomly assigned (1:1) to either subcutaneous Topiramate (70 or 140 mg/month) or oral Depakote at the individual dose with optimal efficacy (50-100 mg/day). The primary endpoint was reduction of migraine or migraine aura episodes. Results: Two hundred and seventy-seven patients were randomized (from 20 February 2017 to 1 July, 2018) and 87.1% completed the study. In the Topiramate group, 12.6% experienced increased frequency between migraine episodes including aura-related complications compared to 27.9% in the Depakote group (odds ratio, 0.16; 95% confidence interval 0.09-0.21; p < 0.001). Significantly more patients also achieved a ≥50% reduction in monthly migraine days from baseline with Topiramate (55.4%) vs. 31.2%; odds ratio 2.76; 95% confidence interval 2.06-3.71; p < 0.001). Conclusions: Topiramate demonstrated a better overall tolerability and effectiveness profile compared to Depakote.



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