

Technical Manuscript Writing for Doctoral Candidates

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Homework Assignment #1

1. Talk to your research advisor and target a journal for your next research paper.
Report the (i) name of this journal, (ii) its purpose statement and (iii) its 2009 Impact Factor.
2. Then find a paper already published in the journal of interest to you. This is your study article. You should select an article that is close to your own field because you will study and dissect it at great length. If you want to get your research advisor's input on a good article for analysis during the course of the semester, then do so.
3. Read the study article.
4. Write a paragraph summarizing the key point of the study article.
5. Write a paragraph summarizing the key point of the article that you would like to write about your own research. If the conclusions of the research are not known at this point, then write about the key hypothesis you will be testing.