

# Writing a review article

*What to think about when preparing a review article for submission*

Make sure you have read the **Instructions for Authors** for the journal you are submitting to, and follow them closely.



You can find journal-specific Instructions for Authors on every journal homepage on Taylor & Francis Online

Start with a brief overview of the topic and **give some context**, explaining why a review of the topic is necessary.



Make sure you **present a critical discussion**, not just a descriptive summary of the topic.

If there is contradictory research in your area of focus, make sure to **include an element of debate** and present both sides of the argument.



You can also use your review to **resolve conflict** between contradictory studies.

Find a fresh perspective: reviews should **report on new ideas** that haven't already been investigated.

Make **suggestions for future research** on the topic as part of your conclusion.

There's more advice on writing good abstracts and titles on Author Services

Spend time creating a **descriptive title, abstract and keywords**. They should be clear, concise, accurate, and informative.

Conduct your own peer review: **ask friends and colleagues to read your manuscript** and give you feedback before you submit.

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One last check! **Always perform a final spell and grammar check** of your article before submission.

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