

獸醫期刊投稿退稿原因及因應對策

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摘要

被期刊退稿是學術發表生涯稀鬆平常的事，即便頂尖的學者也無法倖免。過去已有文獻分析過哪些原因會導致稿件被退，這些原因琳瑯滿目，包括了研究缺乏原創性、新穎性或重要性，稿件屬性與期刊不符、稿件的格式不理想等。當然，還有些原因是非戰之罪，諸如當期稿擠、遇上的經驗不足的審稿者等。無論如何，收到退稿通知後，請先詳讀那份通知，這樣有助於明白沒有被接受的理由；接著，建議與有經驗的師長同儕商量，仔細修改稿件，或有助於增加稿件的可讀性與被接受的機會。

Manuscript rejections: why and what can we do about it

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Abstract

Rejection is the norm in academic publishing. Even researchers at the top of their fields have experience constant rejections for proposals and submitted research articles. Several peer-reviewed studies have investigated the reasons that journals reject papers and the most common reasons include (but are not limited to): a lack of originality, novelty, or significance; inappropriate match between the study and journal, inadequate preparation of the manuscript. Some reasons for rejected manuscripts are however not always related to manuscript quality, and these include factors such as space constraints, the quality and experiences of peer reviewers, as well as the appropriateness of the specific volume for submission. Whatever the reasons are, carefully reading the rejection email you received is the first step. The letter may explain generally and specifically which parts of your manuscript were not accepted and why the overall quality of the manuscript did not meet the standards of the specific journal. Consultations with your co-authors on the appropriate revisions are thus vital to more thoroughly make the manuscript more readable and suitable for re-submission or submission to a more appropriate journal.