

**REVIEWER
PROOFING**
YOUR NEXT
ARTICLE



The Ultimate Guide to
Flawlessly Preparing
Your Article to Survive
Peer Review

**REVIEWER
CREDITS**

GIVE READERS THE INFORMATION THEY NEED

Readers will need to:

01

Understand why you did your study.
What was the point?

Introduction



02

Replicate all aspects of your study.
How was it done? How can I do it?

Methods



03

Evaluate the evidence base.
Why should I trust the findings?

Results



04

Place your conclusions into context.
What does it all mean for me?

Discussion



DON'T SHY AWAY FROM LIMITATIONS

Beat the reviewers at their own game!

In general, you need more detail for limitations that:



**Are unusual
(in the literature)**



**Are surprising
(in this case)**



**Affect the conclusions
of the study**

Do you need to account for alternative explanations?

EXAMINE THE REVIEWS

1. Try to identify which comments led to rejection, i.e., those affecting:
 - Fundamental logic of study/paper
 - Novelty or importance of conclusions
 - Fundamental robustness of methods, data analysis, discussion
2. Use those to work out next steps.
3. Consider asking the editor if necessary.
4. If you want to resubmit/appeal, and you don't understand key comments, ask.



MAKE IT EASY FOR EVERYONE!

1. **Include the ENTIRE REVIEW in the response**
 - Shows that your response is comprehensive
2. **Use signposting**
 - Helps reviewers focus on your changes
 - USE LINE NUMBERS in your paper
3. **Use formatting to differentiate between comment, response, and revisions**
 - Helps reviewers check how you responded
4. **Find the appropriate tone**
 - Keeps the reviewers on your side

