

Section 1. Research Writing Basics

Unit 2. IMRD format

Outline

- The role of standards in academic writing
- IMRD format
- IMRD components and their functions

Why is any standard needed?

- To reflect content priorities
- To give a logical flow to the content, by organizing texts into core blocks
- To make journal manuscripts predictable and easy to read, by providing a «map» for readers

Why IMRD format?

- The most commonly used manuscript format by journals and academic bodies
- creates a logical flow reflecting the scientific process
- comprises the core of the research paper: the research question and its significance, the methodology, and the main results or findings
- facilitates reading

IMRD components and their functions

I	Introduction	Why did you conduct the study?
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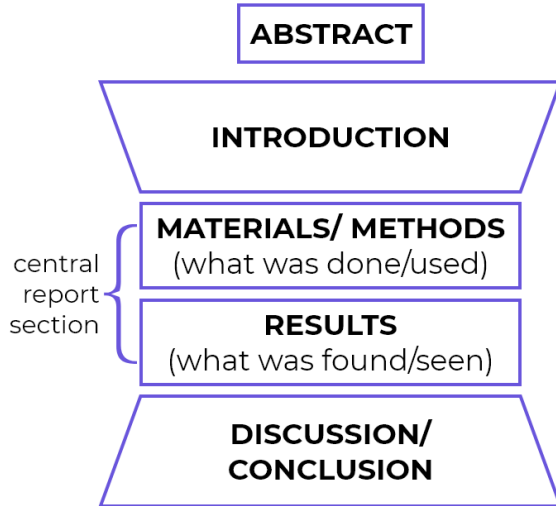
M	Methods and materials	How did you conduct the study?
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R	Results	What did you find?
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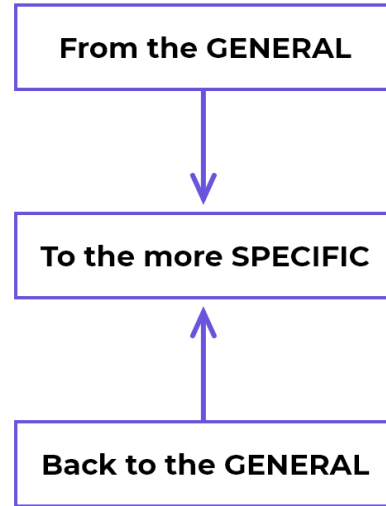
D	Discussion	What does it mean?
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Wineglass model for IMRaD structure

«top-bottom symmetric shape»



«the change of the width»



Summary

- IMRD is the most commonly used manuscript format by journals and academic bodies, which comprises the core of the research paper
- IMRD stands for Introduction, Methods, Results and Discussion
- IMRD follows the «general-specific-general» logic