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How to get published with international journals
– publisher point of view.

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Agenda for the session

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- About OUP
 - Products ...
 - To 'demystify' the publishing process
 - To provide tips, insider knowledge and key questions to maximize your chances of publication
 - Q&A session: ask anything!
 - Follow-up: I'm always available to help
 - To get you sharing your knowledge, i.e. to get you **writing**

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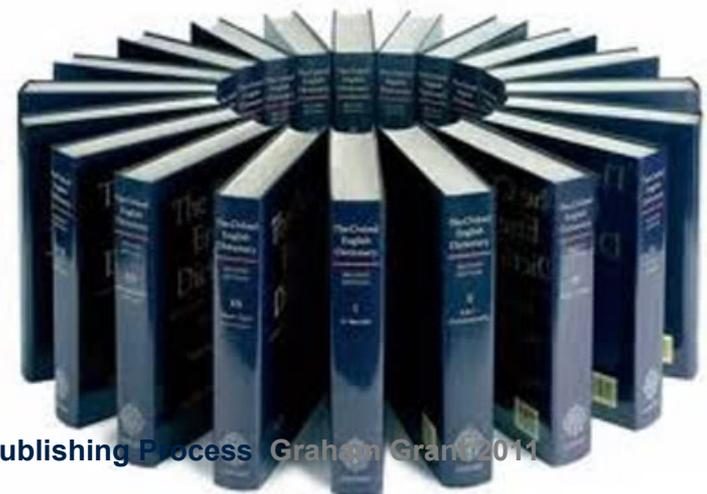


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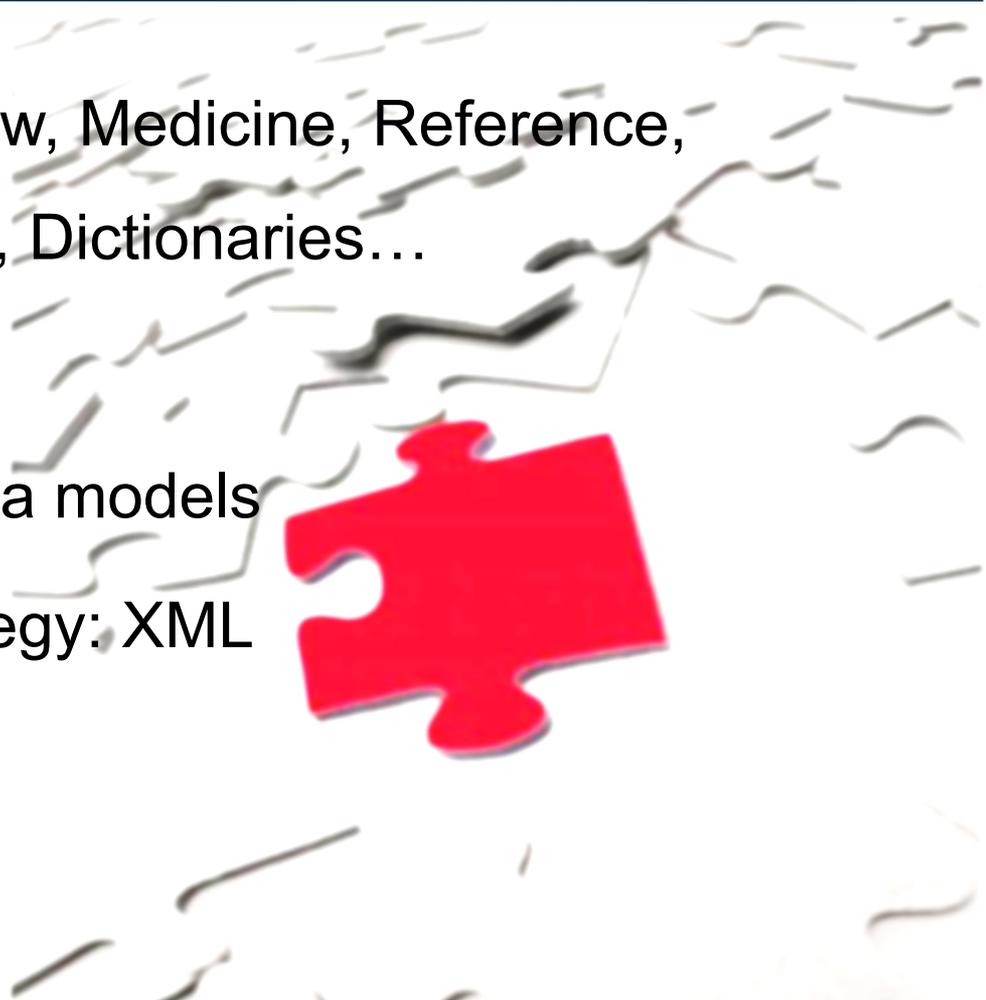
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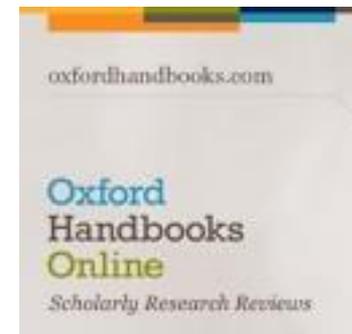
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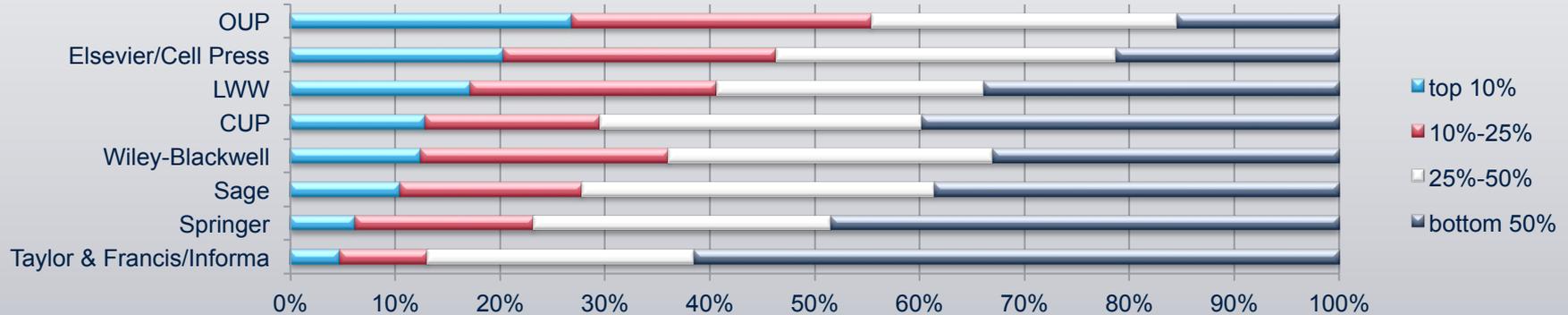


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Ideas where to start

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- As well as ‘traditional’ research...
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 - Have you completed a project which concluded successfully?
 - Are you wrestling with a problem with no clear solution?
 - Do you have an opinion or observation on a subject?
 - Have you given a presentation or conference paper?
 - If so, you have the basis for a publishable paper

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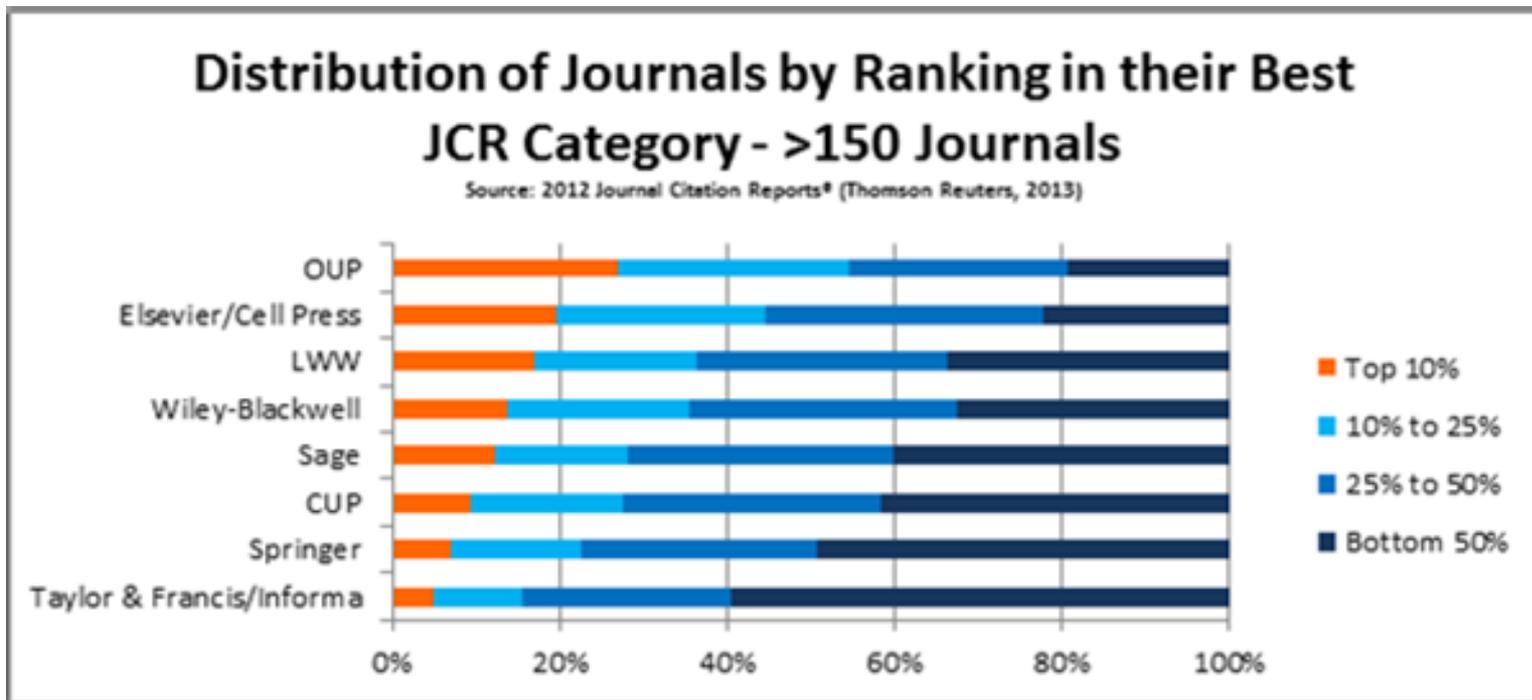
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- What are your most important factors when choosing a journal?
- Which resources do you use to research the journals you publish in?
- Which rankings do you use? How important are they?
- Who do you ask for advice?
- What is the best journal in your field? Why?

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Not always straight forward process

The Process

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- Submission is an important step on the road to being published
 - Reviewers are selected for their expertise by the Editors
 - They do sometimes make mistakes and their opinions may not be valid
 - But generally they raise genuine concerns about the work – conceptualization, execution and/or interpretation of the work

The Process

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- Their comments are aimed at maintaining the quality of papers publish in the journal, the overall journal reputation and ultimately at improving your work to attain a high standard of academic writing.

Process Conclusion:

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- Identify a few possible target journals but be realistic
 - Follow the Author Guidelines: scope, type of paper, word length, references style, etc.
 - Find where to send your paper (editor, regional editor, subject area editor) ...
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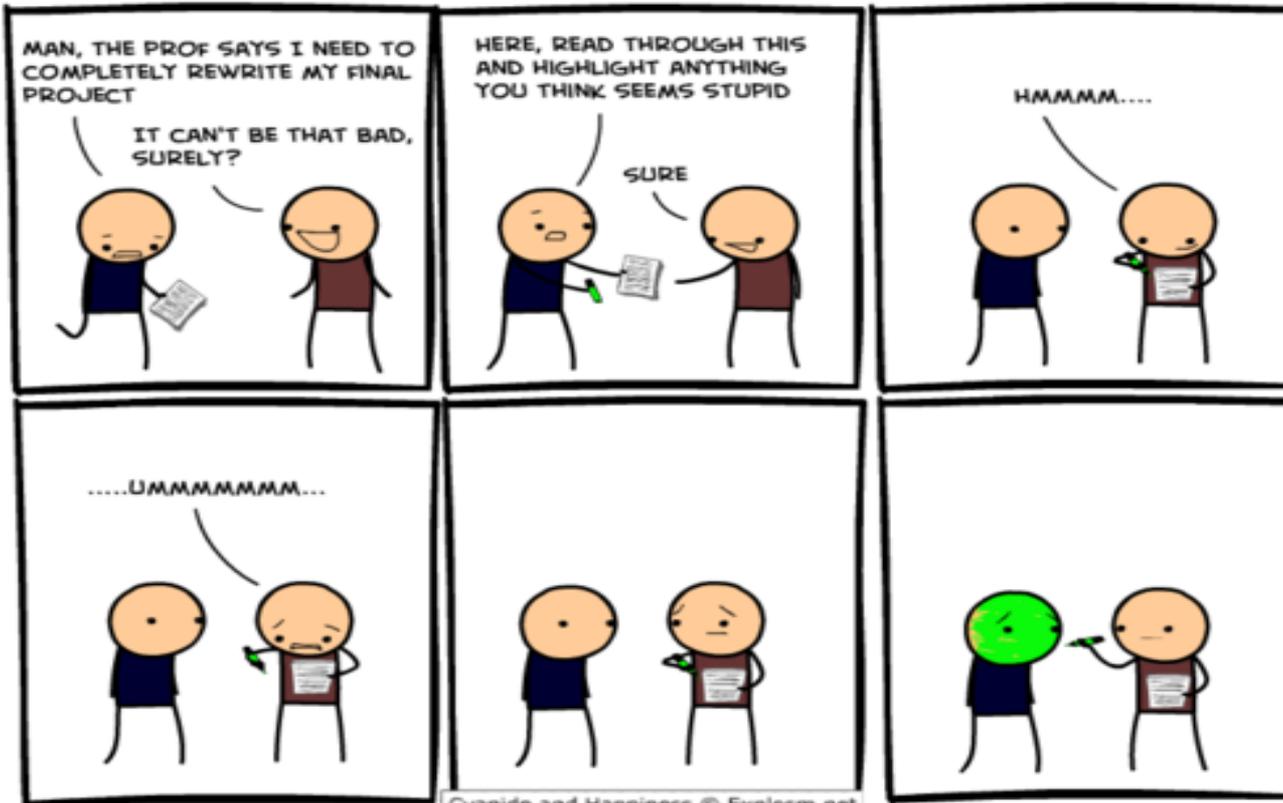
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 - Especially useful for cross-disciplinary research
 - Demonstrates the authority and rigour of the research
 - Increases potential pool of citations

But remember

- Ensure paper is edited so that it reads as one voice
- Identify the person responsible for closing the project
- Agree and clarify order of appearance of authors

Research is all about peer review to avoid desk rejection



Peer Review:

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- Peer Review is important to assess your work before submitting it.
 - Have fellow colleagues, tutors, scholars look at your work and give you feedback to avoid desk rejection. You do not want to be refused by appearing uninformed concerning your submission.
 - Always expect that you would have to amend, alter and revise your paper to submit a more accurate version.

Plagiarism and referencing

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- Plagiarism (from the Latin *plagium* meaning ‘a kidnapping’) is the act of taking someone else’s work and pretending it is yours. It is considered fraud!
 - It isn’t always detected in peer review but electronic tools can help

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- A request for revision is good news!
 - You've avoided a desk reject and you are in the publishing cycle
 - Nearly every published paper is revised at least once
 - So now, *close the deal!*
 - **Acknowledge** the editor and set a revision deadline
 - **Clarify** if in doubt – 'This is what I understand your comments to mean...'
 - Meet the revision **deadline**
 - Attach a **covering letter** showing how you met the reviewers' requests (or if not, why not)

Dealing with the comments:

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- Answer as completely as possible
 - Answer politely, be tactful and not with emotive language
 - Answer with evidence
 - If you feel the reviewer has misunderstood then address the point with a good argument explaining why the reviewer is mistaken
 - It may be the reviewers are conflicted on a point
 - It is ok to use one reviewer to argue against another

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GIVE UP!

If your article is rejected

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- **Ask why**, and listen carefully!
Most editors will give detailed comments about a rejected paper. Take a deep breath, and listen to what is being said
 - **Try again!**
Try to improve the paper, and re-submit elsewhere. Do your homework and target your paper as closely as possible
 - **Don't give up!**
At least 50% of papers don't get published. Everybody has been rejected at least once
 - **Keep trying!**

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- Use a **short descriptive** title containing main keyword – don't mislead
 - Write a clear and descriptive abstract containing the main keywords and following any instructions as to content and length
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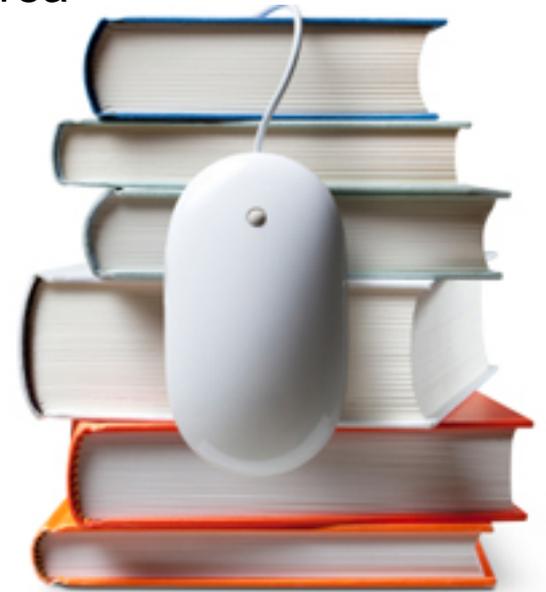
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