

Checklist: Writing a Review Article

- Your review adds something new to your field and does not duplicate previously published reviews
- Your review has a clearly defined topic and you have deliberately decided the level of insight with which you discuss the literature (e.g. explanation, analysis, evaluation, proposal of new ideas)
- The **title** succinctly and accurately describes the content of your review
- Your review contains several subdivisions that provide organization and structure
- The **abstract** provides a rationale for why your subject matter is interesting, the objective you hope to achieve in your review, and an outline of the information you present/discuss
- Information is presented in an orderly, logical narrative rather than as a random assortment of descriptions and citations
- The review contains multiple informative **figures** and/or **tables** to visually convey concepts and summarize ideas
- The **references** you cite are the most appropriate for describing previous studies in the field and composed primarily of recent primary research articles (published within the last 2-4 years) instead of reviews
- Your review is capable of being understood by scientists outside of your field while remaining of interest to scientists within your field
- The manuscript follows all directions specified by the journal to which you are submitting
- The manuscript is completely free of errors, typos, and grammatical mistakes
- You have solicited and received feedback from scientists, both in and out of your field, in regard to both content and style