Common reasons for rejection of scientific manuscripts in pharmacology

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A significant number of manuscripts submitted to international scientific journals are from China, India, Pakistan and other developing countries. However, the acceptance rates of manuscripts from these countries are much lower than the average acceptance rates of manuscripts in these journals. Major reasons for rejection are: (1) Flawed study design, (2) inappropriate data analysis methods, (3) lack of study justification, (4) lack of novelty/data duplication, (5) lack of chemical fingerprinting/standardization of extracts, (6) study conclusions without supporting data and (7) poor writing style, language, formatting. This presentation will focus on the details of common reasons for rejection and suggestions for improvement.

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