

## Re: Need journal for a short letter

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On Jul 26, 11:55 am, John Schutkeker  
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Bruce Scott TOK <[Use-Author-Supplied-Address-Header@\[127.1\]](mailto:Use-Author-Supplied-Address-Header@[127.1])> wrote  
[innews:200707251830.l6PIUtY9013909@xxxxxxxx](mailto:innews:200707251830.l6PIUtY9013909@xxxxxxxx):

Read lots and lots of papers from the journal to get a good idea of what their culture is like.

What do you mean by "culture"?

He means the way concepts are phrased, unusual terminology, favorite (or least favorite topics) – that sort of thing.

In some fields of chemistry, every other word is an abbreviation, understood by experts in that particular field, but generally not understood by other chemists. If you continually write out "lowest unoccupied molecular orbital" instead of LUMO, your paper would look peculiar.

If your paper covers work that was already done by someone else 30 years ago, it won't get published. In fact, the strongest criticism a reviewer can make of your submission is that it isn't new. There is no remedy for this. If they merely say you are a moron, and can't write a sentence in English to save your soul, all you need to do is re-write your sentences in English, and you are good to go :-)

The format for a scientific paper (even within specific fields) is very rigid, and if you don't follow it, they will send your paper back to you and tell you to format it properly for it to be even considered.

Also, no journal published failure. If you tried a technique to make compound A, and it didn't work, they won't publish that.

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Be sure to reference the literature. Einstein in 1905 could get away with no references, but it is highly unlikely to work now.

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