

IMRaD: Introduction

Does my Introduction have all that it needs? While an IMRaD introduction contains much of the information you'd expect in any given introduction, the quick checklist below might support your drafting or revision of this section.

Does your **Introduction** include...

- Topic/problem?
- Background/prior research?
- Hypothesis/statement of purpose?**
- Specific factors, conditions, or equipment used (if applicable)?

Strategies:

1. Take a minute to **highlight** each of the 4 components listed above in your draft. What, if anything, is missing? Fill in the gap(s)!
2. Start with the hypothesis or statement of purpose and work backward. Ask yourself:
 - Did I identify the problem?
 - Have I provided enough background to lead my reader toward this statement?
 - Are there specific factors, materials, or conditions that were significant to my research? Did I make note of these after my hypothesis or statement of purpose?
3. Lastly, consider: Does my introduction meet the expectations of my course (see professor's rubric) or field (field/journal guidelines).