

## The take-home message

### *El mensaje de llevar a casa*

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*He who knows all the answers has not  
asked all the questions.*  
Confucius

Writing a scientific article takes time, it is a gradual process and there are several obstacles. Some journals place the conclusion section after the discussion, others place it in a separate section.<sup>1</sup>

The conclusion is the most important component of a scientific manuscript, the reader always wants to remember, the first sentence should be clear with the main findings and should be taken as the take-home message.<sup>2</sup>

Choose the message well: everything should point to the central message, and this is obtained from the data, from the results; categorical statements should be avoided and as many as possible should be taken out.

Highlight the contribution and benefit of the results: do not include what has already been said in the introduction or discussion, the limitations of the work can be mentioned and suggestions for future experiments can also be made.<sup>1-3</sup>

It should be concise and the author should tell the reader what contribution his or her study will make to the field or area in question.

New data should not be included, or talk about economic costs or benefits if this was not touched upon in the manuscript.<sup>1</sup>

Make a final revision and check that you have convincing arguments, without grammatical flaws, and avoid putting your conclusions not drawn from the results.

A good conclusion will get the manuscript read.

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