

## Importance of scientific writing

Scientific and research writing is crucial for a teaching career in orthodontics. Doing research is only half of the picture. If the results of research studies are not published, other researchers cannot further build on it and overall science can not develop and grow.

Participations at congresses, oral or poster presentations are very important too, but original articles are the most important and decisive factors for academicians. The fact that reviewers, which are experts in the same field of research, have approved the publication of a paper, gives it automatic credibility and authority. Considering the well known difficult and time consuming process of revision, research articles are viewed with respect from the community of a said field.

Scientific writing may not be easy. It may take time for an individual to get the hang of writing is such a way that their article doesn't go un-noticed. This reminds me of what JW Howie once quoted;

“Not all who look at a journal are going to read even one article in it; writers must know therefore what turns a looker into a reader”.

I would like to encourage faculty members and residents to write with a positive attitude. It will benefit readers as well as themselves. Moreover it will benefit the profession. I want residents reading and writing for “Pakistan Orthodontic Journal”.

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