

Instructions – Final Project –
Review Article – Neurological Disorders

Invitation to contribute...

You are cordially invited to submit an original Review Article to the Journal of Neurological Disorders. This highly respected fake journal publishes reviews on any topic within the field of neuroscience. **This special issue is one that will showcase a variety of neurological disorders and provide information that would be useful for anyone, scientist or non-scientist alike, to have a better understanding of the disorder.** Submitting a Review will be a great opportunity to learn more about a topic that you are especially interested in and also to gain experience in scientific writing for the general public.

Your target audience is anyone that has a basic science background.

Deadline: Your final submission is **due on Thursday, December 14th**.

Requirements...

- Choose any topic as long as it relates to neurological disorders and does not overlap with one chosen by your other classmates.
- Your Review should explain your topic by surveying primary literature and not just textbooks or websites. Textbooks are great places to start or to begin building the list of articles you are going to cite. You may cite some textbooks and 1 website but the remainder of your references must be primary literature.
- Your Review should be approximately 5 pages, single-spaced, with font about 11-12 (Times New Roman) or 10-11pt (Arial). Margins should be approx. 1in in each direction.
- Make sure to give your Review a title.
- The Review should contain a few subdivisions:

Introduction	Introduce the subject of your review and provide some motivation for its importance.
Main Text	The main text will be the major part of your review and can be further subdivided into individual sections that you think will help the reader.
Future Directions	Include a section about “Future Directions” or “Open Questions” in which you identify potential areas of research that is still needed to help with our understanding of the disease.
References	The References should include the most appropriate citations from the literature.

In addition to these subdivisions, feel free to add anything that will help communicate information to the reader. This is *your* Review and, as the author, you can communicate in your own style and voice.

- Include at least one explanatory Figure or Table, embedded directly into the text. Feel free to use as many figures/tables necessary to communicate information. Using other figures and tables from the literature you found, requires a citation along with the figure.
- At least 10 references, but you may have more. Please cite references in the text according to the format used by the APA. Example:

Previous work indicates that owls are not intelligent (Carter et al. 2006).

- No cover page or title page is needed. Also, no abstract or summary is needed.

Evaluation Criteria

Your Review will be evaluated twice (following the first and second submissions) for both content and writing quality. Each criterion will help contribute to the overall grade:

90-100 = Professional quality

80-90 = A good job

70-80 = Adequate

60-70 = Not adequate

Content

- Your Review has a clearly defined topic.
- Your Review has good focus (you don't wander from your stated topic).
- Your Introduction clearly defines your topic, states its importance, and sets the tone for the rest of the review.
- Your main text clearly and succinctly describes your subject matter.
- Your "open questions" / "future directions" section describes current unresolved questions and proposes potential ways to find the answers.
- You include a high-quality figure(s) and/or table(s) that visually conveys information faster than could be explained in the text.
- Your review has teaches readers and addresses any misconceptions.
- Your References are appropriate and can even serve as a reading list for readers who want to explore the subject in more detail.

Writing quality

- Your Review is free from spelling, grammatical errors.
- Your Review is to the point.
- Your Review is composed of easy to read sentences.
- Your Review contains easy to understand paragraphs.
- Your Review presents information in an orderly, logical way.