
The Path to Getting Published

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1. Ensure that *The Energy Journal* is an appropriate vehicle for the paper. Review past issues for content, subject matter, style and format.
2. The paper should not be under submission elsewhere. Nor should it simply consist of minor changes to a previous publication.

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3. Length is critical. We do occasionally publish short notes of say 10 pages, but normal paper length is 25-30 pages. If your paper is well over 30 pages you need to do some pruning.
4. Include an abstract. This should not be longer than one paragraph, and should mention the motivation and scope of the paper, techniques employed, empirical sources (if relevant) and key conclusions.

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5. Tables should be clearly labeled, with sources of data at the foot of the table. Any manipulations should be specified, (for example, $\text{col 6} = (\text{col 4} - \text{col 5})/\text{col 2}$).
6. Figures should be designed with clarity in mind. Different units of measurement can be used for vertical axes – but if so the labeling should be clear.

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7. If you have doubts about whether your topic is suitable for the EJ there is no harm in contacting the editors and enclosing an abstract – this can save time at both ends.
8. Authors not entirely comfortable with the English language should ensure their manuscript is reviewed by someone thoroughly familiar with the language before sending it to the Journal.

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9. These first eight points can be summarized as an appeal to submitters to be kind to the editors and the referees. It is far easier to deal with a paper that is reasonably polished; a referee is better disposed to a well presented manuscript.
10. Sufficient mathematical detail should be provided for clarity, but no more. Proofs can be provided in an appendix. This is not, however, an invitation for lack of rigor.

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11. Appendices can also be suitable parking areas for details on sources. Secondary details or data series may be avoided by using the device 'information available from the authors on request'.
12. It would not be wise for authors to recommend referees. You would be encroaching on the Editors' prerogative. And of course there would be the question of bias.

Additional Comments

- Ideas can be expressed in more than one way:
 - a. in words;
 - b. using graphs / tables;
 - c. mathematically.
- A good exposition skillfully combines these methods.

Empirical Work

- Good empirical work is of paramount importance in advancing knowledge and is therefore a key focus of the Energy Journal.

Types of Contributions

- Original empirical / theoretical research.
- A well-argued policy analysis.
- An insightful review of a specific literature.