Here are some questions that can help guide your decision:

- Are my results sufficiently groundbreaking, and do they have enough general appeal, to be considered by one of the top-tier scientific journals? Do I have a larger story that makes my results really exciting?
- Even if my results are not earth-shattering, have I taken an interdisciplinary approach, making the findings interesting to scientists in several fields and therefore appropriate for a general journal?
- If my results are primarily of interest to my particular scientific specialty, which journals reach the members of that specialty? Within this group, which journal or journals have included articles on my particular subject area in the past couple of years?

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PLANNING FOR PUBLICATION

Because publishing original research papers is critical to your career, this section focuses on submitting and publishing these types of papers.

Knowing When to Publish Your Research

Some departments and institutions may expect you have published at least one paper a year in a highly ranked journal in your field as a senior author. If you have one or more postdocs who want to pursue research careers, each of them is under similar pressure to publish.

Research projects have a natural point where it makes sense to publish. However, you may want to write up your results before you reach this point.

If there is competition in your field and you wait to publish, you run the risk of being "scooped"; in this case, you would have to publish your research in a journal that is not as prestigious as the one you had initially envisioned. Also, if you wait to obtain complete results, you may not be able to publish the one paper a year.

In deciding when to publish, you will have to balance several considerations, but try to resist the temptation to rush into print, if you have a choice.

Remember, the quality of your publications is what matters most in the long run. A paper that is incomplete or carelessly put together is less likely to be accepted for publication and will be an inefficient use of your time. Even worse, incorrect results will damage your reputation.

Choosing a Journal

Because most papers today have several authors, the choice of where to publish often involves considerable negotiations. All authors typically want to publish in the most prestigious journal that is likely to accept their paper, but views on which journal is best will differ. Negotiations will also depend on who is involved. As the principal investigator, you will want to take into consideration the suggestions of students and postdocs in your lab; however, you will generally make the final decision.

Decisions about where to publish may become more complex when two or more principal investigators have coauthored a paper that involves extensive interlaboratory collaboration.