

How to write a good review paper

- 4 paragraphs, 1-1/2 pages with a catchy title
- **1st paragraph:** Explain the problem in the field and give a little background on the associated proteins.
- **2nd paragraph:** How did the authors approach this problem? What is the question they wanted to address?
- **3rd paragraph:** What are the essential experimental differences in their approach? Are there any differences in their gene deletion methods? Are there any differences in the anatomical area they studied? Are there differences in the dissection technique? Are there any differences in the genetic background of the mice used by each group? Are they over-interpreting their data or underestimating? What are the factors that all the authors are agreeing or disagreeing on?
- **4th paragraph:** Which paper do you find more convincing and why? What do you think the next experiment(s) should be? How did these three papers change our view on spinal cord regeneration? How will these findings affect the development of therapeutic agents?
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