

Editor's Commentary

"It isn't often that a writer of superlative skills knows enough about flying to write well about it." – Samuel Hynes

It is hard to write. It is even harder to write well. But as scholars we are expected to produce not only writing, and not only good writing, but text that gives the research community insight into areas yet to be discovered. I am often asked what it takes to get something published. My answer always is "quality research." But what exactly is considered to be "publishable" research?

Whilst the definition of this milestone varies among scholars, generally we are looking for something that provides original material that builds upon the existing body of knowledge. Although a thorough literature review can and often does provide insights, it is the presentation of existing ideas. Without some sort of analysis or synthesis, the product does not provide what is necessary to receive favorable reviews from our dedicated researchers who volunteer to peruse such works. Alternatively, the author can involve some qualitative research methods to extract new connections or findings within the literature – then you would have something novel to offer.

But the point to remember is you can never publish unless you write. And the first step to writing is sitting down, perhaps with your favorite beverage of choice, and start tapping away. Read other studies to lubricate the mind. Of course, the *CAR* is a great source for places to start. I am looking forward to reading your future studies.

As a reminder, the *CAR* now accepts book reviews (non-peer reviewed), methodological papers, reviews of statistical analysis, pilot studies, and more – basically, we are now more flexible about submissions. Please send me a query about any ideas you have for submission. We can chat about what works and what does not.

Lastly, thank you to all who have continued their support of the *CAR*. As of this issue, I will be handing the reigns over to Mary Johnson as I am obligated to manage the new scholarly journal at Embry-Riddle Worldwide. Please welcome her as the new editor!

Cheers – David Ison, PhD, Editor