

Advice for PhD Students wanting to Publish with their Supervisors

- Have a discussion about publishing early in candidature
- Consider mapping out different aspects of dissertation for different outlets (e.g., 2 journal articles; 1 chapter). Plan how these will be significantly different enough from one another to warrant separate publications.
- Work with supervisor to identify a sharp, important, and publishable focus for an article (from the many possibilities in the larger dissertation)
- Discuss with supervisor what suggested or preferred co-authorship process is optimal
- Send supervisor solid first draft of manuscript (MS) or section/s within MS (repeat process until ready for submission)
- After first draft, invite suggestions on likely journals/outlets to better shape MS to that outlet in subsequent drafts
- As you redraft, understand that many smaller compromises with co-author/s can happen that do not change your message or conclusions
- When submitting the article, consider having supervisor as 'corresponding author' for MS (but supervisor will rarely be first author). This may help the article to be received more positively by the Editor (though, it should make no difference!).
- After receiving a decision, close work with supervisor continues through revisions – and especially in the response to the Editor and Reviewers (in the case of Minor Revisions, or Revise and Resubmit)
- (Understand that the final piece is likely to be better [and get into a better outlet] with experienced co-authors)
- (Co-authoring with supervisors can also fast-track much learning that might take years to learn solo)

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