

Summary of the Breakout Session on **Literature Review**

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1. Why we need a literature review section in scientific writing?

1. To know about what have already been done and what need to be done.
Mainly understanding the gap.
2. To identify the variables used in the previous work and compare and contrast them with our work.
3. Linking the previous research with our research.

2. How can we structure the literature section?

1. Literature review structure will be different according to each journal.
2. Literature review in papers quite different from the thesis, because of the limitation of the pages.
3. Make a comprehensive literature review to fit the page limitation.

3. “It is forecast of key topics or texts that will appear in the review” Do you agree?

1. Title should be reflected throughout the literature. Literature will provide hints for the findings. It will emphasize what will be discussed in the findings.
2. It will prevent misleading of the content of the paper.
3. Sometimes we have to insert some literature in the discussion as well. Because of the page limitations sometimes we have to adopt this strategy.
4. Novelty of the work can be reflected and highlighted through the literature. Literature will differentiate the study from the other work based on the factors like socio-cultural background and etc.

4. How can we address or justify the research gap through the literature review?

1. Systematic literature review along with qualitative method /tools, can support finding the research gap.
2. Literature based on keywords to find key articles will also support in finding the research gap. Then we can make a table to compare.
3. Along with limitations and we can identify the future research potentials as gap.
4. Use academic databases for literature review.
5. Only use good journals (Q1, Q2 Scopus Journals, not all the papers, only the selected one)
6. Some papers have a limited access → contacted the author for the paper
7. “Grey literature” → not published journals, good for getting data (example for master thesis, etc)

5. How can we link the literature review with the rest of the paper?

1. We can make a whole story about the paper through literature ,connecting from the abstract, title, keywords to the results and discussion.
2. Start paper with the literature review and do the introduction at the end. Literature review is the esprit of the paper. It will identify the gap, what have done, what we need to do, novelty and the methods that we have to adopt.
3. Based on proper literature reviews we can avoid complex methodologies.
4. We can bring literature to discuss the findings as well.
5. Literature review is the foundation of the paper.
6. LR helps us to construct the methodology and justify. It supports identifying the best methods and practices/ tools for the paper.

6. How can we cite literature correctly?

1. Elaborates the literature from several papers.
2. Do it according to a proper academic style like APA, Harvard
3. Compare and contrast
4. Use the reference manager to make it easy. It also supports switching in between styles if necessary.

7. How can we select correct literature and identify correct time consent?

1. Three to five years time period is good for literature review.
2. Keywords are the key to find correct literature.
3. Depending on the context, ten years of time can be justifiable.
4. Google scholar, Science Direct, SCOPUS are some of the good databases to selected correct literature. They have peer reviewed articles.
5. Journal credibility is an important factor to concern.
6. When citing, correct reference management softwares are important. Mandalay, Endnote and etc.

8. What are the areas that you struggle most when writing literature review?

1. How to find the gap. Is it truly the gap?

9. What are the potential solutions for those discussed above?