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**The unpublished legacy .....**

Asian people possess a heritage both rich and diverse, which is quite often glorified. It is said that once the Asian nations rose above all in science, technology and even medicine. Unfortunately the scarce amount of documented information regarding such developments halted the propagation of a vast array of knowledge. Should that intelligence and wisdom be widely available and reachable today, our perception of science and technology would have been different.

Contrary to this, in Europe scientific knowledge was subjected to debate and reasoning and eventually blossomed or perished being published. This paved the way for a major scientific upheaval. Publication and documentation has become the cornerstone in advancement of modern day science and technology. The moral lesson is that intellectual work not documented is not reproducible; hence all efforts, may it be groundbreaking, will be in vain. It cannot be gainsaid should one say that research is for publication.

It's not an exaggeration to state that research in these parts of the world is arduous and getting them published is even worse. The reasons behind this include: deficiencies in the logical presentation of the argument (the skeleton of the paper), non-compliance with the instructions given to authors, and issues with the clarity of language, which are but to name a few. One should be clear in his mind of the message that is going to be conveyed by his or her article.

The fluency and dexterity in expressing a specific fact depends on the use of language. Any person who is in pursuit of a career in research should develop their knowledge in the English language, which is the portal of access to the wider scientific community. Practice makes perfect as always. Even as students a culture should be developed within the universities to promote scientific writing. Role models and mentors within the university environment will give the necessary momentum for students hoping for a career in research. Reading journals of high impact factor will be definitely of advantage and taking cues from the style and structure of such articles will be of benefit to the reader. Thus it will enhance knowledge regarding the subject and enrich writing skills.

It is with these thoughts in mind that we at the Student Medical Journal strive to provide the impetus and space for aspiring student researchers to publish their work and thus take their first step in to the exciting world of medical research.

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