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2. Inadequate reporting can lead to biased results
3. Reports of health research need to be clear, complete, and transparent
4. Good reporting is an essential component of doing good research
5. Clear, complete, and transparent reports of health research empower readers
6. The quality of reporting of health research reports is not optimal
7. Poor reporting means that key information is missing, incomplete or ambiguous
8. Authors need to do better
9. Editors need ways to help authors do better
10. Reporting guidelines are a new tool in the armamentarium of editors
11. Reporting guidelines can make a difference in the quality of reporting health research
12. There is a large number of reporting guidelines available
13. The EQUATOR Network
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 - they cover a broad spectrum of health research

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- Mission
- Website: resources and training
- Use of reporting guidelines in your organization

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14. Uptake, implement, endorse, and adhere to reporting guidelines within your journals
 - Start with revising your “Instructions to Authors”

Better endorsement by journals

- Need stronger language for authors
 - “We recommend authors refer to the [EQUATOR](#) network website for further information on the available reporting guidelines for health research, and the [MIBBI](#) Portal for prescriptive checklists for reporting biological and biomedical research where applicable. Authors are requested to make use of these when drafting their manuscript and peer reviewers will also be asked to refer to these checklists when evaluating these studies.”
- We recommend including such expectations in journals’ Instructions to Authors
- We also recommend that when a journal endorses a reporting guideline they notify the guidance developers. This will help them to document and track all endorsements.

Thank you!