**Incentives and obstacles of medical research in Basrah with Recommendations**

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**Summary**

This article reflects my 12 years’ experience (1980-1992) as a Consultant Neurosurgeon and Assistant Professor in Basrah University during which I also acted as Head of Department of Surgery and Editor in Chief of Basrah Medical Journal (1985-1990).

My experience was enhanced and updated by the repeated frequent visits to Basrah during the last 15 years.

This article, mainly focuses on how to motivate and improve the standard of medical research in Basrah in an attempt to match them with the current international or even the regional standard of other counties in the Middle East.

**Why is this article?**

It is mainly because no where in our Iraqi Educational curriculum are students taught how to perform a study or write for publication. Hence, I took the opportunity of participating in the second IAMRS international Medical Conference in Basrah 22-23 March 2019 to present my experience, including my tips on why and how to write for publications, the incentives and obstacles of writing as well as the common reasons of rejection of these article when sent for publications.