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My Beloved Colleagues Assalamu Alaikum,

### **How to Write Your Conclusion and Discussion: Series 8**

Writing a conclusion is as difficult as writing your introduction. One big difference between your introduction and conclusion is that in introduction you pose questions to your audience while in conclusion you answer those questions. However one must remember that a conclusion is not a summary of your introduction even though a paragraph may be the summary of the whole proposal. In discussion you interpret your results and bridge the gap that you promised to do when formulating your Hypothesis.

In summarizing your conclusion and discussion the following may be of help:

1. Explain in plain English what we understand now that we did not understand before. Write for your readers not for yourself. Never mention the words I, We or I found that and so on.
2. Interpret your problem statement and show with evidence from your literature review section that you have indeed bridged a major gap in knowledge.
3. Interpret your hypothesis and problem statement with evidence from your literature review section and give logical reasoning that what you have claimed is in fact true (*Don't worry; if it is negative or positive still significant*). For example a study claimed that *Magnesium chloride is not the solution for depression*. However, your experimental results show that *magnesium chloride is in fact the solution for fighting severe depression*. Here you are! Start reasoning and give evidence from scholarly publications that support your hypothesis. Those supportive references should be in your literature review chapter.
4. Discuss and reason about the significant contribution of your experimental research and argue that you have solved a major problem if not it would have continued in the future.
5. Make sure that you reconnect your claims with lots of documented evidence from your literature review to interpret your findings. Lastly do not forget to be concise and to the point, no more no less.

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