

Rubric for Journal Club Oral presentation

Category	Elements of a strong presentation	Weight (%)
Knowledge and explanation of subject matter:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> conveys <i>big picture</i> understanding presents the essential information (saves minor details for Q&A) accurate description of facts, procedures, hypotheses, etc. 	65
Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> introduce yourself and credit the authors of the paper clear and concise description of the central question addressed by the paper, <i>and</i> its significance contains sufficient background needed to understand the results 	(15)
Methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> gives information necessary (and no more!) to understand results shows overview of experimental flow/approach if appropriate 	(10)
Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> related to central question complete and concise explanations integrated results + discussion 	(30)
Summary/Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> key findings reiterated and put into context of past and/or future work 	(5)
Q&A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> answers that convey understanding admit when you lack knowledge, tell how you would approach the question based on what you know 	(5)
Overall organization of talk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> content introduced in logical, easy-to-follow sequence main points emphasized, repeated (preview/tell/review) transition statements between ideas 	10
Overall effectiveness of slides (text and visuals)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> slide titles convey key message good balance of text and figures text/figures large enough to be seen considered use of color not too many or too few slides 	15
Overall effectiveness of delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> confident, enthusiastic delivery main points verbally emphasized get to main points quickly strong eye contact limited gestures use of both technical and informal language as appropriate 10' length (+/- 0.5 min) 	10

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