Do(s) and Don’t(s) from Nahid Hasan for Journal Writing

Do(s):

1. Know the end goal of your work clearly. Otherwise, you can’t proceed to writing part.
2. Make a solid outline with expected timeframe. This is super important.
3. You must make a decision where to to draw a finishing line. Your research will not end automatically unless you stop at certain point.
4. Make a good habit of giving the takeaway message from each paragraph.
5. Focus on answering “why” questions
6. People like figures rather than text (when possible); but, be sure to describe your figures.
7. For review from your supervisor, rather than giving the whole paper at once, send parts of your work as you go
8. Keep it short and concise

Don’t(s)

1. Don’t overthink a problem. If you are stuck ask for help.
2. Don’t repeat same information in your journal.
3. Don’t overload your paper with hundreds of tables.
4. Don’t copy reference from the reference section of another paper only for increasing the reference count.