Getting your research published

- Is this the right journal?
- Read the journal guidelines very carefully
- Look at recent issues
- Write a good cover letter
- Provide realistic potential reviewers and accurate contact details
- When you get reviewer comments, drop everything else till you have responded
When you submit a paper, lots of things can happen behind the scene:

1. Editorial assistant checks the formatting and journal guidelines.
2. Editor in chief or co-editors decide if suitable to send out for review.
3. Associate editor assigned.
4. Associated ‘chooses’ and invites reviewers – it can take a very long time to get 2 reviewers to accept.
5. Reviews come back. They can be similar or poles apart.
6. Associate editor makes a decision.
7. You get the decision.
As a journal reviewer

- Be a reviewer, target a journal you would like to be on the board of and review lots of papers for them
- As a reviewer, follow the paper’s reviewing guidelines.
- Alert the editors to fatal flaw in the “private comments section”
- To the authors – provide constructive feedback. If a very poor paper, comment on the ‘big’ issues only
- Be timely, but just ask if you need more time
Persistence and practice pay off
You will get the cheese