

# Getting Published

A guide to the journal review process

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# 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

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# Persistence and practice pay off



You will get the cheese

