

# THE PEER REVIEW PROCESS



WHEN A STUDY IS SUBMITTED, IT'S REVIEWED BY A MANAGING EDITOR AND SENT TO A PANEL OF EXPERTS

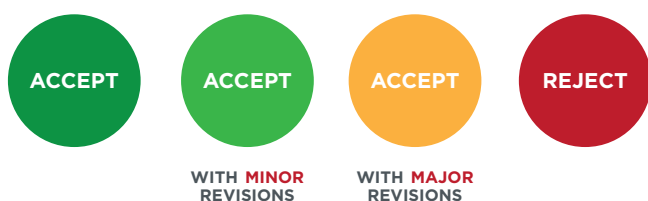
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**These subject experts will review the submission for:**

- Significance or originality of the research question.
- Adherence to standards of the field of research.
- Study design, methodology & ethics.

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**Once the reviewers have appraised the submission's methodology, accuracy, and significance, the work then is recommended for the following actions:**



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**The author then makes any requested adjustments; this stage may require several rounds of review and subsequent revisions.**

- Minor revisions often include errors related to grammar, terminology, or formatting.
- Major revisions can include correcting how data is presented, or extensive rewriting.

## FORMS OF PEER REVIEW

**Open** Authors and reviewers are aware of each other's identities.

**Closed or Blind** Authors are not aware of who is reviewing their work. Reviewers are aware of the author's identity.

**Double-Blind** Neither the author nor the reviewers are aware of each other's identity. This form of peer review leaves the least room for reviewer bias.

