

From submission to publication

Six steps to inspire trust in science

SUBMISSION



1

Corresponding author is asked to provide:

- Verifiable information (eg ORCID, links to any datasets, funding, affiliation)
- Name and institution, as well as details of co-authors to enable us to contact them

TRIAGE



3

We assign most suitable editor, ensuring:

- Expertise to select appropriate reviewers
- No competing interests

REVISION AND ACCEPTANCE



5

We check:

- Author's response to reviewer comments

We double-check:

- Data accessibility
- Funding
- All information provided by authors

DES7082



2

SCREENING

We run checks for:

- Text similarity check
- Image manipulation
- Competing interests
- Accessibility of supporting datasets and whether these are sufficient to reproduce the paper
- Journal scope suitability
- Availability of appropriate editors
- Ethical compliance



4

REVIEW

When assigning reviewers, we look at:

- Relevant expertise
- Authenticity and experience (Publons, Scopus)
- Any competing interests

In addition:

- We are responsive to reviewer feedback (eg data accessibility, ethical concerns)
- We check reviewer reports
- Open access fees and fee waiver requests are handled independently of the editorial process



6

PRODUCTION

Following acceptance, our Production team oversee:

- Copy-editing and proof-reading
- Final checks including the review history availability and fully accessible data

