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# **Peer-reviewed journal**

A **peer-reviewed journal** is a scholarly publication in which all submitted articles undergo a rigorous **evaluation by independent experts (peers)** in the same field before being accepted for publication.

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# ### [] Key Features:

#### **1. Peer Review Process**

- Articles are reviewed by one or more specialists (peer reviewers) who assess:
- Scientific validity
- Methodology
- Originality
- Relevance
- Ethical standards

# 2. Editorial Decision

- Based on reviewers' comments, the editor decides to:
- Accept
- Request revisions
- Reject

# 3. Credibility & Quality Control

• Peer review acts as a **quality filter**, aiming to ensure that only **sound, high-quality research** is published.

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### [] Why It Matters:

\* Increases trust in the findings \* Helps prevent fraud and pseudoscience \* Ensures scientific dialogue and critical scrutiny

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###  $\triangle$  But Beware:

\* Not immune to **bias**, **gatekeeping**, or **editorial politics** \* Peer review ≠ proof of truth — only a **minimum standard of credibility** 

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