

# Researcher

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There is some [evidence](#) that [editors](#), [peer reviewers](#), and [researchers](#) are more interested in statistically significant effects. An RCT comparing the assessment of two versions of a well-designed RCT that differed only by the findings (positive vs. negative primary endpoint) showed that peer-reviewers were more likely to recommend the positive version of the manuscript's findings for publication. They were also more likely to detect errors in and award a low score to the methods of the negative version of the same manuscript, even though the Methods sections in both versions were identical <sup>1)</sup>.

<sup>1)</sup>

Emerson GB, et al. Testing for the presence of positive-outcome bias in peer review: A randomized controlled trial. Arch Intern Med. 2010;170:1934-1939

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