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The manuscript submission and peer-review process consists of the following steps:

The Author submits a manuscript.

One of the Editors assigns a member of the editorial board to manage the peer review and assigns a second member of the editorial board to provide an independent review.

The first member of the editorial board assigns the manuscript to at least two reviewers.

The Reviewers review the manuscript.

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The Editor reviews the two sets of reviews and drafts a decision that is sent to the Author.

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