Peer review at the Royal Society of Chemistry

Peer review is the cornerstone of scholarly publishing, and central to what we do as a society publisher. Follow the path through our peer review journey and discover key highlights along the way.

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An author submits a manuscript
- 9,600+ submissions a month
- 52+ journals to choose from
- 138 countries submit research

Peer review checkpoint
- Double-blind: authors can choose from up to 3 follow-up peer review models
- Single-blind: authors can choose from up to 2 follow-up peer review models

Evaluation by global editorial teams
- 38 countries represented in our editorial boards
- 150+ professional editorial and production staff
- 428+ academic editors
- 3,500+ manuscripts per month benefit from our manuscript transfer service

Our editors consider each review
- 2,900 articles accepted per month
- 57 days from submission to acceptance
- 30% of submissions are accepted after meeting requirements

Article production starts
- 10 days after acceptance, the author receives their proof

The research is published
- 27.5% of articles were GOLD open access in 2021
- 90 different countries represented in our authorship

Peer review
- 164,000+ reviews completed
- 46,760 reviewers from 121 countries
- 10.2 days between accepting an invitation and completing a review

Our reviewers
- 21,500+ use our Publons partnership for recognition
- 500+ reviewers recognised in our outstanding reviewers programme

* Statistics are based on an average of 2021 data.