

Completing your review in

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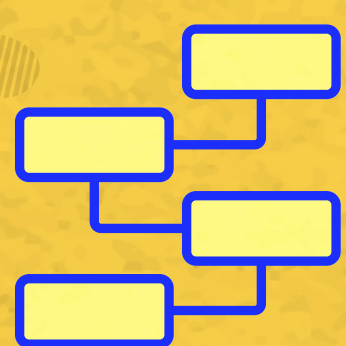
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Check the journal's **reviewer guidelines**

Read the paper and **note** any concerns, areas for improvement, and things that you find unclear

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Check **declaration** statements, e.g., ethical approval, competing interests, data availability, etc.

Evaluate the **reporting quality**, study reproducibility, and limitations



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Divide comments into **major** (might impact results/conclusions) or **minor** (other points for improvement)

Provide **clear, professional, and constructive comments**, consider using existing review templates

Be **specific** and support any requests with evidence and examples

Submit your review!



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Consider **signing your review** and having it published, e.g., if the journal allows you to opt in for transparent review

Re-read to ensure clarity and professionalism; if requested, recommend acceptance, revision, or rejection

Raise any ethical concerns, or competing interests related to your review, as **confidential comments** to the editor

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