

# Investigating Health Professions Education authors' journal choice

## Consent Form

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**Title of Project:** Investigating Health Professions Education authors' journal choice

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Before you consent to participating in the research, please read the **participant information sheet** and then indicate that you agree with each of the statements below in order to continue. If you have any questions or queries before signing the consent form please speak to the researcher.

If you would answer No to any of the questions below, please do not proceed until you have clarified what your participation will mean by contacting the researcher.

**Q1: I have read and understood the research information sheet dated 26/03/2021 (version 03) or the project has been fully explained to me.**

Yes

**Q2: I have been given the opportunity to ask questions about the project and have had these answered satisfactorily.**

Yes

**Q3: I understand that my taking part is voluntary. I also understand that I can discontinue participation at any point up until I have submitted my responses. I do not have to give any reasons for why I no longer want to take part and there will be no adverse consequences if I choose to discontinue the questionnaire.**

Yes

**Q4: I understand that data collected during this research will be processed in accordance with data protection law as explained in the Participant Information Sheet**

Yes

**Q5: I agree to take part in the above research**

Yes

## Eligibility

**Q6: What type of manuscript is '\${PaperTitle}'?**

- Editorial  
 Letter  
 Research article  
 Review article  
 Other article (e.g. commentary, perspective piece, innovation report) - please specify

If you have chosen "other", please specify:

**Q7: Was this paper commissioned?**

- Yes  No

## Demographics

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1, 2] in question 6, skip the following question*

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 7, skip the following question*

**Q8: How old are you?**

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1, 2] in question 6, skip the following question*

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 7, skip the following question*

**Q9: What is your gender identity?**

- Agender  Man  Non Binary  Trans/ Transgender  
 Woman  Prefer not to say  Prefer to self describe

If you have chosen "other", please specify:

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*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 7, skip the following question*

**Q10: In what country do you currently work?**

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| <input type="radio"/> Afghanistan            | <input type="radio"/> Albania            | <input type="radio"/> Algeria             |
| <input type="radio"/> Andorra                | <input type="radio"/> Angola             | <input type="radio"/> Antigua & Deps      |
| <input type="radio"/> Argentina              | <input type="radio"/> Armenia            | <input type="radio"/> Australia           |
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| <input type="radio"/> Libya                  | <input type="radio"/> Liechtenstein      | <input type="radio"/> Lithuania           |
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| <input type="radio"/> Malawi                 | <input type="radio"/> Malaysia           | <input type="radio"/> Maldives            |
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| <input type="radio"/> Mozambique             | <input type="radio"/> Myanmar, {Burma}   | <input type="radio"/> Namibia             |
| <input type="radio"/> Nauru                  | <input type="radio"/> Nepal              | <input type="radio"/> Netherlands         |
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| <input type="radio"/> Philippines            | <input type="radio"/> Poland             | <input type="radio"/> Portugal            |
| <input type="radio"/> Qatar                  | <input type="radio"/> Romania            | <input type="radio"/> Russian Federation  |

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| <input type="radio"/> Rwanda            | <input type="radio"/> Saint Vincent & the Grenadines | <input type="radio"/> Samoa          |
| <input type="radio"/> San Marino        | <input type="radio"/> Sao Tome & Principe            | <input type="radio"/> Saudi Arabia   |
| <input type="radio"/> Senegal           | <input type="radio"/> Serbia                         | <input type="radio"/> Seychelles     |
| <input type="radio"/> Sierra Leone      | <input type="radio"/> Singapore                      | <input type="radio"/> Slovakia       |
| <input type="radio"/> Slovenia          | <input type="radio"/> Solomon Islands                | <input type="radio"/> Somalia        |
| <input type="radio"/> South Africa      | <input type="radio"/> South Sudan                    | <input type="radio"/> Spain          |
| <input type="radio"/> Sri Lanka         | <input type="radio"/> St Kitts & Nevis               | <input type="radio"/> St Lucia       |
| <input type="radio"/> Sudan             | <input type="radio"/> Suriname                       | <input type="radio"/> Swaziland      |
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| <input type="radio"/> Trinidad & Tobago | <input type="radio"/> Tunisia                        | <input type="radio"/> Turkey         |
| <input type="radio"/> Turkmenistan      | <input type="radio"/> Tuvalu                         | <input type="radio"/> Uganda         |
| <input type="radio"/> Ukraine           | <input type="radio"/> United Arab Emirates           | <input type="radio"/> United Kingdom |
| <input type="radio"/> United States     | <input type="radio"/> Uruguay                        | <input type="radio"/> Uzbekistan     |
| <input type="radio"/> Vanuatu           | <input type="radio"/> Vatican City                   | <input type="radio"/> Venezuela      |
| <input type="radio"/> Vietnam           | <input type="radio"/> Yemen                          | <input type="radio"/> Zambia         |
| <input type="radio"/> Zimbabwe          |  |                                      |

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**Q11: Which degree(s) do you hold?(Please select all that apply)**

- Bachelor's degree (BA, BSc, etc.)
- Master's degree (MA, MSc, MPH, MBA etc.)
- Primary Medical Qualification (MBCChB, MBBS, MD, etc.)
- Doctoral degree (PhD, EdD, DPhil, MD by research, etc.)
- None
- Other

If you have chosen "other", please specify:

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**Q12: For the highest degree you selected above, what is your primary area of study?(please select one)**

- |                                     |  |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Basic Science | <input type="radio"/> Clinical Science | <input type="radio"/> Social Science / Education |
| <input type="radio"/> Humanities    | <input type="radio"/> Other            |  |

If you have chosen "other", please specify:

## Professional background

Please answer all of these questions to indicate your professional role at the time that you wrote '**#{PaperTitle}**'

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*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 7, skip the following question*

**Q13: At the time of writing this paper, what was your academic rank or position title?**

- Undergraduate / Health Professions Student
- Resident / Postgraduate Clinical Trainee
- Master's Student
- PhD Student (or equivalent)
- Teaching Fellow / Clinical Teaching Fellow
- Postdoctoral Research Associate / Research Fellow
- Instructor / Sessional Tutor / Clinical Tutor
- Lecturer / Assistant Professor / Clinical Lecturer
- Senior Lecturer / Associate Professor / Senior Clinical Lecturer
- Reader
- Professor
- Emeritus Professor
- Not applicable
- Other

If you have chosen "other", please specify:

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1, 2] in question 6, skip the following question*

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 7, skip the following question*

**Q14: What are your work roles?(please select all that apply)**

- Clinician
- Administrator or Program Director (e.g. admissions lead, curriculum lead, assessment lead, associate dean)
- Teacher (clinical or classroom setting)
- Researcher
- Other

If you have chosen "other", please specify:

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Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 7, skip the following question

**Q15: Which of the following best describes the context in which you work?(please select all that apply)**

- Undergraduate Health Professions Education                       Graduate Health Professions Education  
 Continuing Health Professions Education

Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1, 2] in question 6, skip the following question

Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 7, skip the following question

**Q16: In a typical work week, approximately what percentage of your work time do you spend on health professions education research activities, including writing up your research?**

%

Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1, 2] in question 6, skip the following question

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**Q17: How many years had you been involved in health professions education (in any capacity)?**

years

Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1, 2] in question 6, skip the following question

Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 7, skip the following question

**Q18: How many years had you been involved in conducting research in health professions education?**

years

Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1, 2] in question 6, skip the following question

Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 7, skip the following question

**Q19: In thinking about your primary research activities, with which label do you most identify?(Please select one)**

- I am a quantitative researcher                       I am a qualitative researcher                       I am a mixed methods researcher

Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1, 2] in question 6, skip the following question

Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 7, skip the following question

**Q20: How many publications do you have in peer reviewed journals?**

**(This can include research papers, reviews, commentaries, letters or other articles in peer reviewed journals)**

Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1, 2] in question 6, skip the following question

Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 7, skip the following question

**Q21: What proportion of your scholarly output relates to health professions education?**

- Less than 25%   
  25% to 49%   
  50% to 74%   
  75% to 100%

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1, 2] in question 6, skip the following question*

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 7, skip the following question*

**Q22: For what proportion of your scholarly work are you first author?**

- Less than 25%   
  25% to 49%   
  50% to 74%   
  75% to 100%

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1, 2] in question 6, skip the following question*

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 7, skip the following question*

**Q23: In the past 12 months, for approximately how many health professions education articles have you acted as a peer reviewer?**

- 0                     
  1                             
  2-5                             
  6-10                             
  More than 10

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1, 2] in question 6, skip the following question*

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 7, skip the following question*

**Q24: Do you have an editorial role at a health professions education journal?**

- Yes     No

## Motivations for publication

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*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 7, skip the following question*

**Q25: In deciding where to submit your paper ' $\${PaperTitle}$ ', to what extent did each of the following goals influence your decision?**

	Not important	Slightly important	Moderately important	Very important	Essential
To advance knowledge in the field	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To communicate to others in the field	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To enjoy the thrill of seeing my work in print	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To get feedback from peer reviewers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To enable networking with others in the field	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

To assist with winning grants and research support	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To act as a catalyst for attracting high quality staff and students	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To enable promotion or other type of career advancement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To develop my national / international reputation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To support career development of my co-authors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

### First choice journal

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1, 2] in question 6, skip the following question*

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 7, skip the following question*

**Q26: What was the first journal to which you submitted this manuscript?**

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1, 2] in question 6, skip the following question*

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 7, skip the following question*

**Q27: At what stage in your process did you decide this was the right journal to which to submit?**

- Before designing the project
- While conducting the project
- After completing data analysis but before writing the manuscript
- While writing the manuscript
- After manuscript completion

### Priorities for first choice journal

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1, 2] in question 6, skip the following question*

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 7, skip the following question*

**Q28: When choosing to submit your manuscript ' $\{PaperTitle\}$ ' to  $\{1stJournal\}$ , how important, if at all, were the following factors?**

	Not important	Slightly important	Moderately important	Very important	Essential
Ability to publish open access	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



Acceptance rate	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Attention the journal gets in the press	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Databases in which the journal is indexed	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Familiarity with the journal	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Focus of the journal	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Geographic distribution of its readership	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Impact factor	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Instruction from Department Head/Supervisor to submit there	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Journal's activity on social media	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Journal's link with a society or organisation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Manuscript types the journal accepts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Match between the journal's readership and the audience I hope to reach	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reputation for making decisions on manuscripts quickly	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reputation for publishing rigorous research	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reputation for useful feedback during peer review	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reputation of the editor	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reputation of the editorial board	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Size of print circulation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Suggestions from colleagues	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Time taken to publish accepted manuscripts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1, 2] in question 6, skip the following question*

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 7, skip the following question*

**Q29: Please offer any other factors that you think to have been important and/or clarify your responses as necessary**

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1, 2] in question 6, skip the following question*

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 7, skip the following question*

**Q30: Before you submitted this manuscript, how likely did you think it was to be accepted in \${1stJournal}?**

- Very unlikely                       Somewhat unlikely                       Neither likely nor unlikely  
 Somewhat likely                       Very likely

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1, 2] in question 6, skip the following question*

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 7, skip the following question*

**Q31: Have you submitted any previous papers to \${1stJournal}?**

- Yes, and at least one has been accepted/published                       Yes, but none have been accepted  
 No

## Outcomes from first choice journal

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1, 2] in question 6, skip the following question*

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 7, skip the following question*

**Q32: What was the initial decision for this manuscript?**

- Rejected without peer review       Rejected after peer review       Major revisions  
 Minor revisions       Accepted without revisions

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1, 2] in question 6, skip the following question*

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 7, skip the following question*

**Q33: Was the manuscript eventually accepted at this journal?**

- Yes     No

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1, 2] in question 6, skip the following question*

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 7, skip the following question*

**Q34: How many rounds of revisions were completed prior to acceptance?**

- N/A       1       2       3       4       5 or more

## Peer review from first journal

Please think back to the feedback you received from peer reviewers and/or the editor after submitting '**#{PaperTitle}**' to **#{1stJournal}**.

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1, 2] in question 6, skip the following question*

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 7, skip the following question*

**Q35: How clear or unclear was the feedback?**

- Clear       Somewhat clear       Somewhat unclear       Unclear

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1, 2] in question 6, skip the following question*

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 7, skip the following question*

**Q36: How constructive or unhelpful was the feedback?**

- Constructive       Somewhat constructive       Somewhat unhelpful       Unhelpful

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1, 2] in question 6, skip the following question*

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 7, skip the following question*

**Q37: How appropriately detailed was the feedback?**

- Appropriately detailed                       Somewhat appropriately detailed  
 Somewhat inappropriately detailed        Inappropriately detailed

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1, 2] in question 6, skip the following question*

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 7, skip the following question*

**Q38: How fair or unfair was the feedback you received?**

- Fair                       Somewhat fair                       Somewhat unfair                       Unfair

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1, 2] in question 6, skip the following question*

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 7, skip the following question*

**Q39: How knowledgeable or non-expert did you perceive the reviewers to be?**

- Knowledgeable                       Somewhat knowledgeable                       Somewhat non-expert  
 Non-expert

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1, 2] in question 6, skip the following question*

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 7, skip the following question*

**Q40: Overall, how courteous or harsh did you perceive the tone to be?**

- Courteous                       Somewhat courteous                       Somewhat harsh                       Harsh

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1, 2] in question 6, skip the following question*

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 7, skip the following question*

**Q41: How consistent or conflicting was the feedback from different reviewers?**

- Consistent amongst reviewers                       Somewhat consistent amongst reviewers  
 Somewhat conflicting amongst reviewers        Conflicting amongst reviewers

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1, 2] in question 6, skip the following question*

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 7, skip the following question*

**Q42: Overall, to what extent do you think this feedback enabled you to improve your manuscript?**

- Improve the manuscript a lot                       Improve the manuscript a little  
 Neither improve nor worsen the manuscript        Worsen the manuscript a little  
 Worsen the manuscript a lot

**Second choice journal**

Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1, 2] in question 6, skip the following question

Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 7, skip the following question

Note: if you have answered/chosen item [5] in question 32, skip the following question

Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 33, skip the following question

**Q43: What was the second journal to which you submitted this manuscript?**

Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1, 2] in question 6, skip the following question

Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 7, skip the following question

Note: if you have answered/chosen item [5] in question 32, skip the following question

Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 33, skip the following question

**Q44: What were the top three factors in determining your second choice?(please select 3 options)**

- Ability to publish open access
- Acceptance rate
- Attention the journal gets in the press
- Databases in which the journal is indexed
- Familiarity with the journal
- Focus of the journal
- Geographic distribution of its readership
- Impact factor
- Instruction from Department Head/Supervisor to submit there
- Journal's activity on social media
- Journal's link with a society or organisation
- Manuscript types the journal accepts
- Reputation for making decisions on manuscripts quickly
- Reputation for publishing rigorous research
- Reputation for useful feedback during peer review
- Reputation of the editor
- Reputation of the editorial board
- Size of print circulation
- Suggestions from colleagues
- Time taken to publish accepted manuscripts

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Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 7, skip the following question

Note: if you have answered/chosen item [5] in question 32, skip the following question

Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 33, skip the following question

**Q45: Prior to submitting to the second journal, what actions did you take?(please select one)**

- Just re-submitted the original manuscript
- Changed the formatting to meet the new journal's requirements
- Tweaked the wording
- Made changes to the reporting without significant changes to content
- Made substantial changes to the manuscript (e.g. conceptually reframed the article or added substantially to the analysis)

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Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 7, skip the following question

Note: if you have answered/chosen item [5] in question 32, skip the following question

Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 33, skip the following question

**Q46: To which sections of the manuscript did you make changes?(please select all that apply)**

- Title       Abstract       Introduction       Methods       Results       Discussion  
 References

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Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 7, skip the following question

Note: if you have answered/chosen item [5] in question 32, skip the following question

Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 33, skip the following question

**Q47: Why did you make these changes?(please select all that apply)**

- In response to the original reviewers' comments       To better align with the new journal's focus

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Note: if you have answered/chosen item [5] in question 32, skip the following question

Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 33, skip the following question

**Q48: Please offer any other comments you think would help to clarify your responses as necessary**

## Outcomes from second choice journal

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Note: if you have answered/chosen item [5] in question 32, skip the following question

Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 33, skip the following question

**Q49: What was the initial decision for this manuscript?**

- Rejected without peer review       Rejected after peer review       Major revisions  
 Minor revisions       Accepted without revisions

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*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 33, skip the following question*

**Q50: Was the paper eventually accepted at this journal?**

Yes  No

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*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [5] in question 32, skip the following question*

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 33, skip the following question*

**Q51: If so, how many revisions were completed prior to acceptance?**

N/A  1  2  3  4  5 or more

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1, 2] in question 6, skip the following question*

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**Q52: If not, to how many other journals did you submit before you were eventually published?**

journals

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**Q53: Why do you think the eventual journal that accepted the article did so, whereas the first one did not?**

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1, 2] in question 6, skip the following question*

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 7, skip the following question*

**Q54: How satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the eventual home for this manuscript?**

- Very satisfied  
 Dissatisfied

- Somewhat satisfied  
 Very dissatisfied

- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied

Why?

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1, 2] in question 6, skip the following question*

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*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [5] in question 32, skip the following question*

**Q55: In the end do you think the paper to be better, the same quality, or worse relative to when it was first submitted?**

- Better       The same quality       Worse

### Final decision

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1, 2] in question 6, skip the following question*

*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 7, skip the following question*

**Q56: Please estimate how many weeks elapsed between submitting the manuscript to  $\{\text{1stJournal}\}$  and receiving an initial decision.**

Weeks

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*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 33, skip the following question*

**Q57: Please estimate how many weeks elapsed between submitting the manuscript to  $\{\text{2ndJournal}\}$  and receiving an initial decision.**

Weeks

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*Note: if you have answered/chosen item [1] in question 7, skip the following question*

**Q58: Please estimate how many weeks elapsed between initially submitting the manuscript to  $\{\text{1stJournal}\}$  and it finally being accepted.**

Weeks



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**Q59: What else do you think is important for someone to know if they are trying to understand the journey this paper went through prior to achieving publication?**