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- 3 Know what to expect.

The peer review process Step Step The editor checks **Fditor** the paper fits the receives a journal's aims and paper. scope (on Taylor & St<u>e</u>p Francis Online). Step The paper 6 is accepted, moves into Amendments production and are made and is published. the paper is re-submitted.

Step The editor selects reviewers (usually 2–3 of your peers) and they are sent the paper.

Step The editor checks the reviews and sends them to the author(s), with any additional guidance. If there are revisions the author(s) decide whether to make these and re-submit.

The reviewers review the paper and provide the editor with comments, suggestions and a recommendation (reject, revise or accept).

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