90 min workshop

Tips and Tricks for Successfully Publishing Scholarly Work in an International Journal on Medical Education

Workshop

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About IAMSE

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- Annual meeting
- Webinar series
- Publications (journal, manuals)
- •Travel Grant program
- •Research Grant program

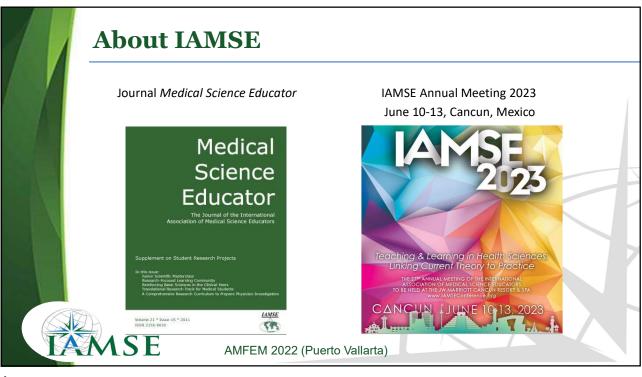
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Goals of the workshop

Provide a better understanding of scientific publishing and manuscript submission

- Identify barriers for successful publishing
- Differences between journals
- Provide strategies to increase the chances of acceptance of submitted work
- Provide insight in the editorial processes of a journal



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Why to publish in a journal?

What is academic publishing about?

Adding to the *existing* body of knowledge in *health professions education* through educational *innovation and research* by building upon the *work of others*

- Science of Learning (how people learn)
- Science of Instruction (how to help people learn)



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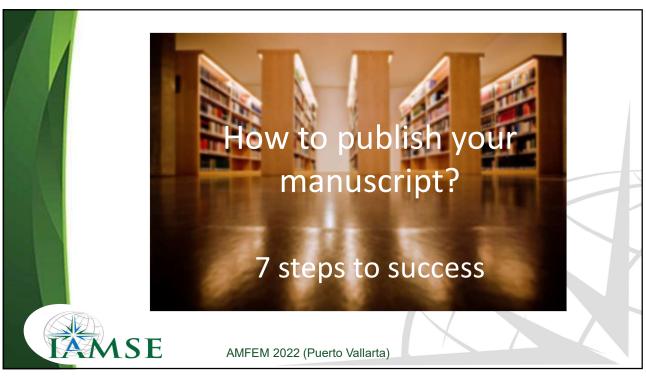
Common barriers in getting published

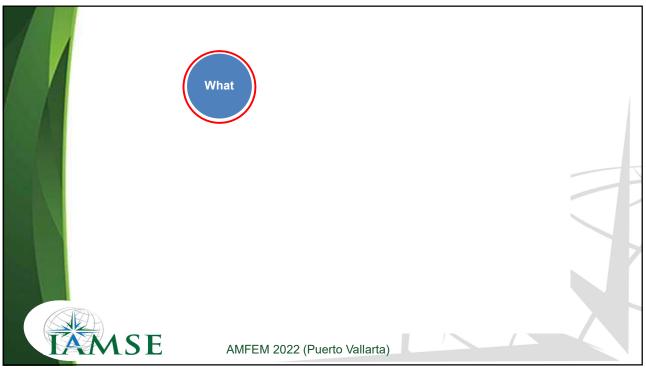
Often mentioned:

- Lack of time
- Poor English grammar skills
- Lack of educational expertise
- · No clear research question
- No clear conceptual framework used
- Cannot find the right journal
- Used the incorrect manuscript format



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What to publish?

Decide what it is you want to publish

Boyer's 4 areas of educational Scholarship

- Teaching use Glassick's standards (Clear goals, Adequate Preparation, Appropriate methods, Significant results, Effective presentation, Reflective critique) for education scholarship
- Application applying principles, theories in an educational setting
- Integration synthesis of information across different disciplines, or topics within a discipline, or across time
- **Discovery** educational research based on a research question



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What to publish?

Discovery: 4 levels of research

- Does it work? (descriptive, evaluation)
- Does it work better? (comparative)
- · What works better in which context? (contextualizing)
- Why does it work? (explaining)



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What to publish?

Examples

- Share innovative experiences and developments, new findings or insights
- Research based on a <u>research question</u>
- · Validate teaching methods
- <u>Validate</u> educational theories or build <u>new theories</u>
- · Motivation, self regulation skills, spatial ability
- Viewpoint, opinion or critiques on a specific topic



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What to publish?

Always ask yourself:

- What does the literature say?
- What is the gap you are addressing?
- Why are you doing this?
- Is it of interest to the readers?

So what???



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What to publish?

Examples of topics

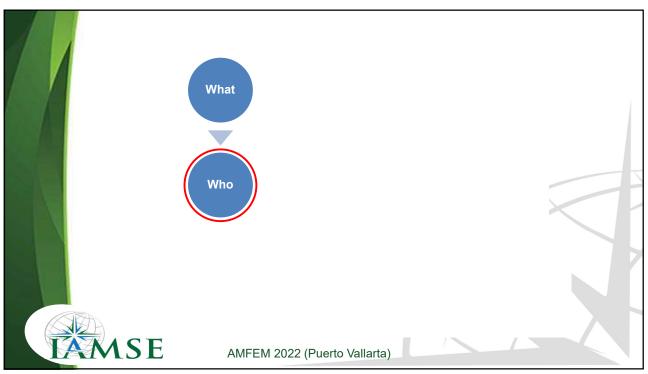
- Effect of a Digital Dissection Guide on Examination Performance and Student Satisfaction
- Relationship of Medical Student Lecture Attendance with Exam Scores
- Factors That Determine the Perceived Effectiveness of Peer Feedback in Collaborative Learning
- Medical Student Perception of a Virtual Reality Training Module for Anatomy Education
- The Effect of Spaced Instruction on Knowledge Retention
- Effectiveness of Small Group Discussions for Teaching Pharmacology Concepts
- How do Collaborative Active Learning Activities Promote Deep Learning?
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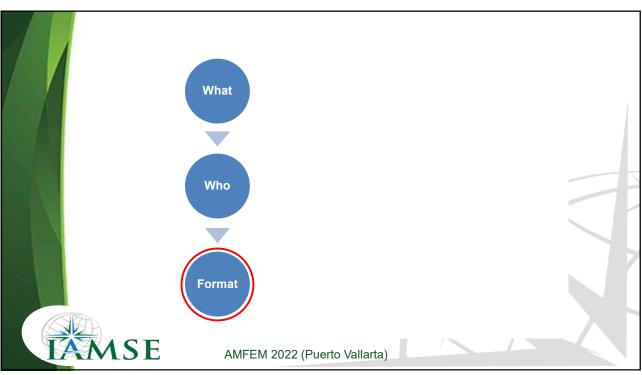
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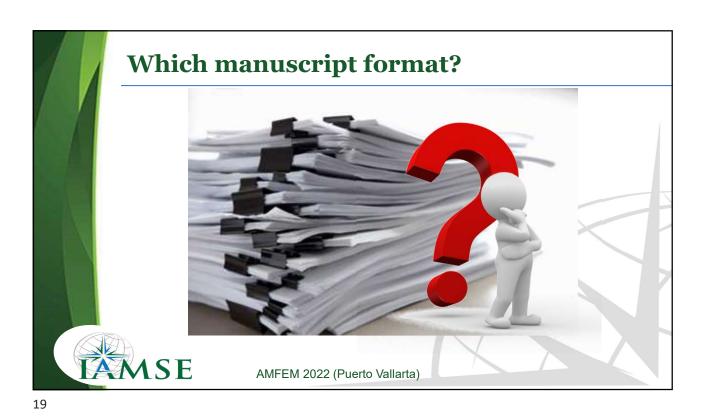
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Manuscript Formats

Which manuscript type for your manuscript?

Based on your topic (step 1) and the audience (step 2) you need to select an article type you want your article to be published

Examples from Medical Science Educator:

ASE

Original Research
Educational Research 3000-5000 words Fixed format.

• Short Communications

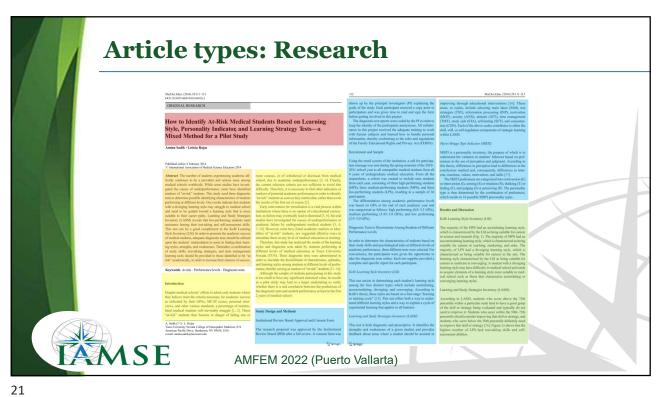
Brief observations 1500 words Fixed format

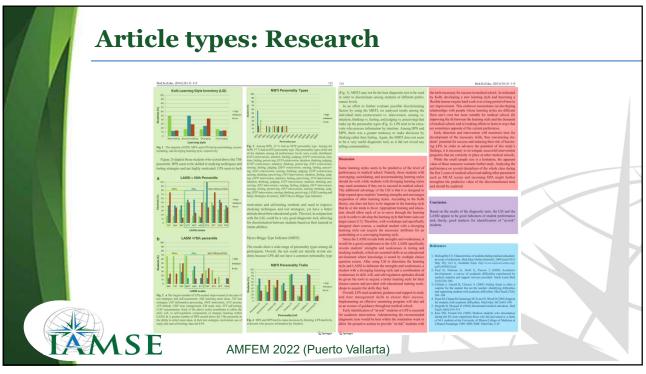
• Innovation
Novel ideas 750 words Only 1-2 pages

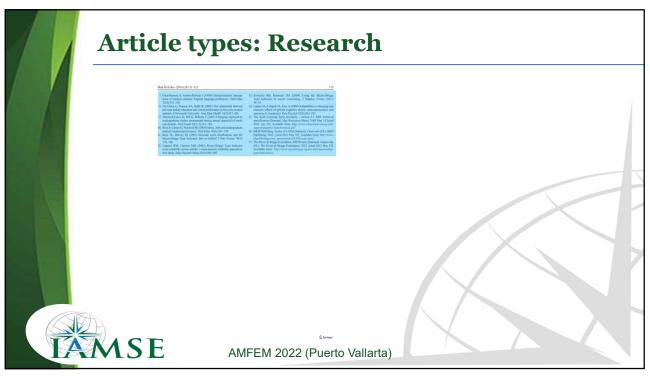
• Monograph
Of general interest to educators 3000-5000 words Narrative, free structure

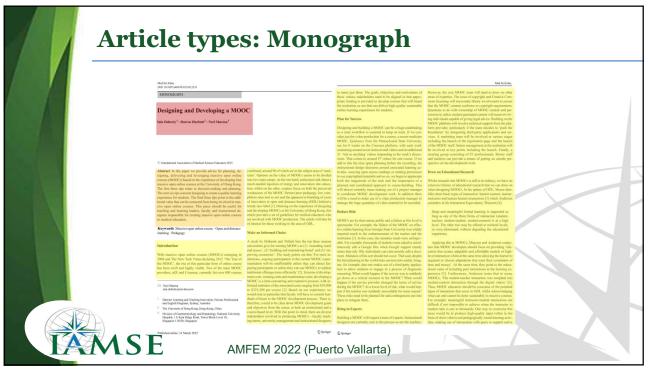
Commentary
 Editorials, essays, viewpoints
 3000 words
 Exact format depends on the journal!!

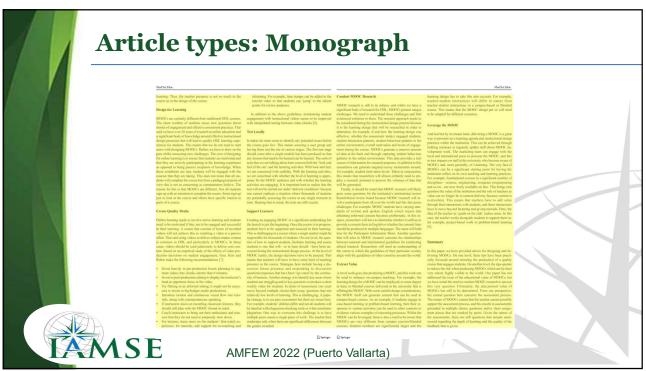
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Article types: Monograph

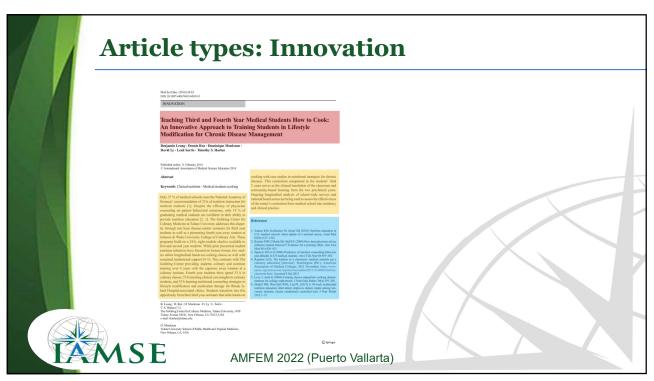
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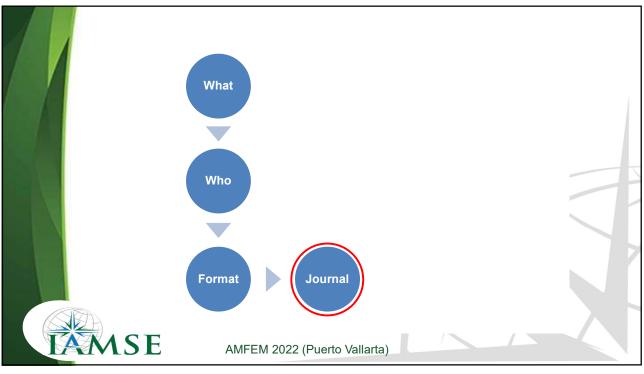
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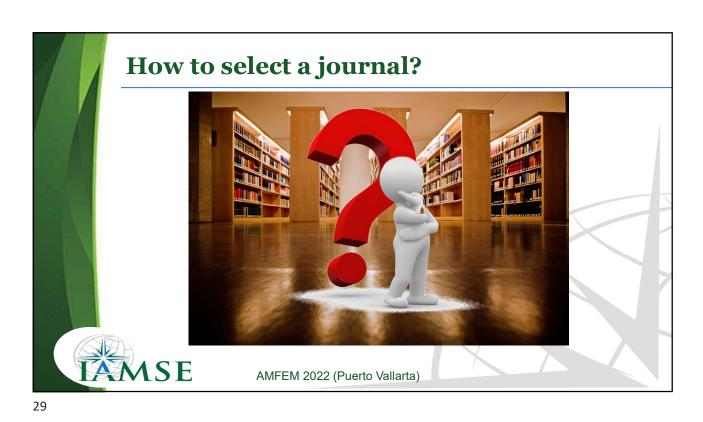
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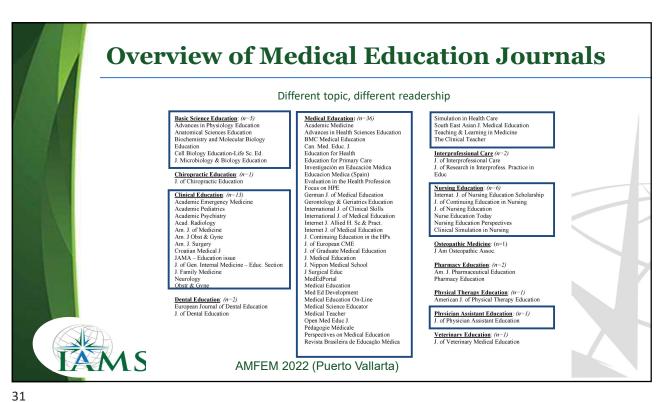
How to select a journal?

- Biomedical Research Journals
- Medical Journals
- <u>Education</u> Journals
- Medical Education Journals

Journals have different topics and different audiences!



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Overview of Medical Education Journals



Academic Medicine AAMC General



Medical Teacher AMEE General Reject rate > 90%



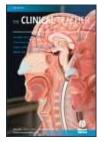
Medical Education ASME General Reject rate > 90%



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Overview of Medical Education Journals



Clinical Teacher

ASME Clinical teachers



Advances in Health Science Education

Researchers Reject rate > 60%



Teaching and Learning

Scholarship

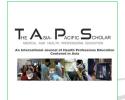


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Overview of Medical Education Journals



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Medical Science Educator Anatomical Science

IAMSE Scholarship Reject rate > 50%

Anatomical Science Education

AAA Scholarship teaching Anatomical Sciences The Asia-Pacific Scholar

NUS-CenMED Scholarship



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Things to consider when selecting a journal

- · Peer reviewed
- Publishing model
- Impact factor
- Rejection rate
- Citation indexes

Citation Indexes

MEDLINE

Bibliographic database of the U.S. National Library of Medicine. Contains more than 24 million references to journal articles in life sciences/biomedicine.

PubMed

Citation service of the U.S. National Library of Medicine. Includes over 18 million citations from MEDLINE and other life science journals for biomedical articles back to 1948. PubMed includes links to full text.

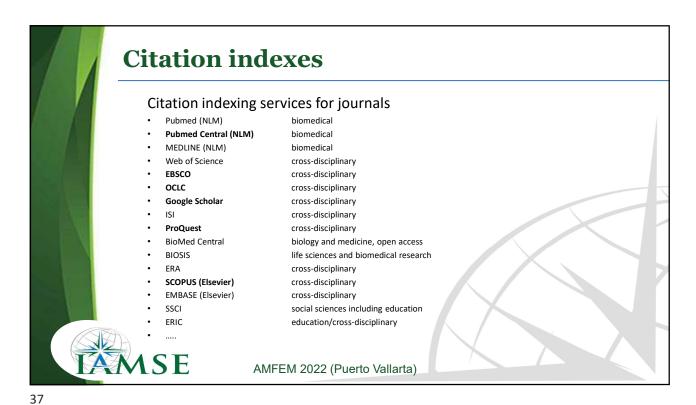
PubMed Central (PMC)

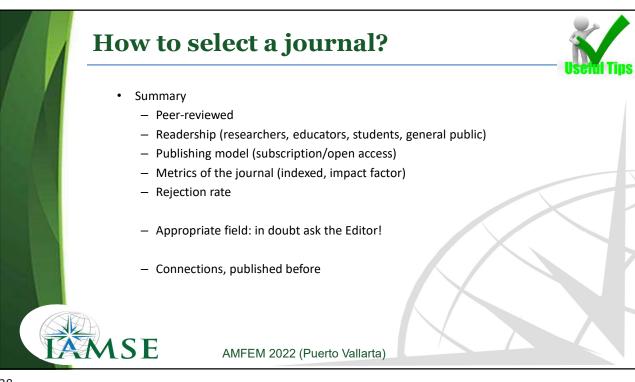
Free digital repository that archives publicly accessible full-text scholarly articles that have been published within the biomedical and life sciences journal literature.

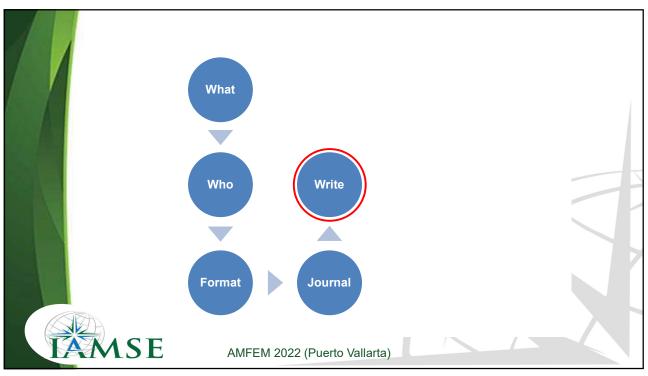
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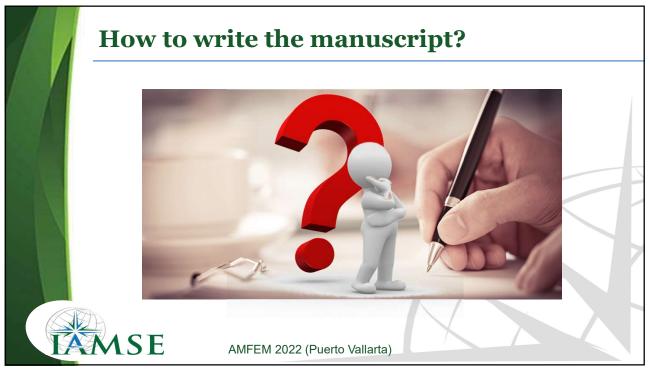


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How to write the manuscript?

General tips:

- Focus on 1 clear topic per submission
- Find <u>co-authors</u> to collaborate with
- Multi-institutional work often stronger than individual
- Embed the work in recent literature

Writing skills:

• Find help for spelling and grammar if you are a non-native English writer

Know the journal style:

Follow/read several journals to become familiar with the style of reporting



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How to write the manuscript?

Make sure you use the correct methodology:

- Clearly indicate the educational theory used
- Medical education is often qualitative research
- Describe data collection in detail, qualitative or quantitative
- Use the correct statistics, very different with qualitative and quantitative research (ask statistician for help)

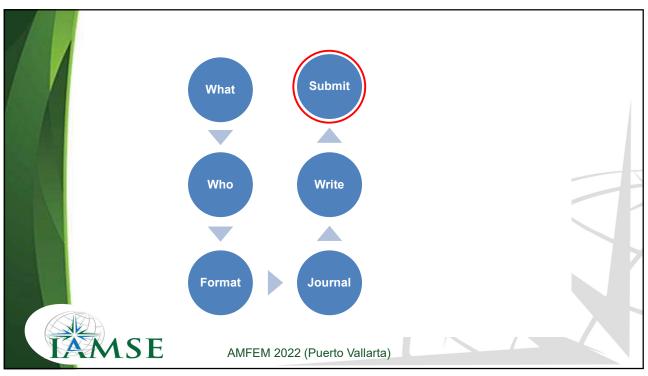
Always follow the instructions for authors:

 Cover letter, word count, article types, manuscript structure, file types, reference style, IRB, tables and figures, etc...

Ask the journal Editor for advice if needed

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Submission Process

Submission process

Follow Instructions for Authors (see website):

- Cover letter
- Style
- Language
- Reference style
- File format for manuscript and figures
- Internal Review Board approval



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Submission Process

Reviewers:

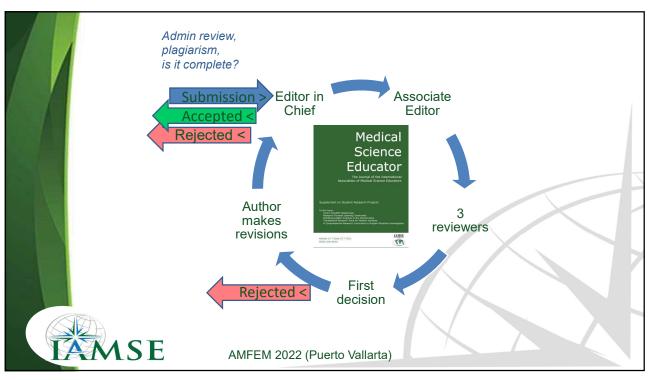
- Indicate to Editor relevance and importance of the work
- Check on proper methods, citations, language
- Sends constructive feedback to the author to improve the manuscript

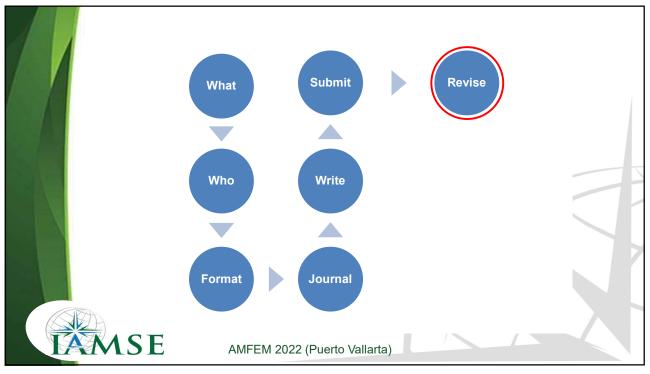
Editors:

- Decide for acceptance or rejection
 - · Based on content and review results
 - Based on other factors

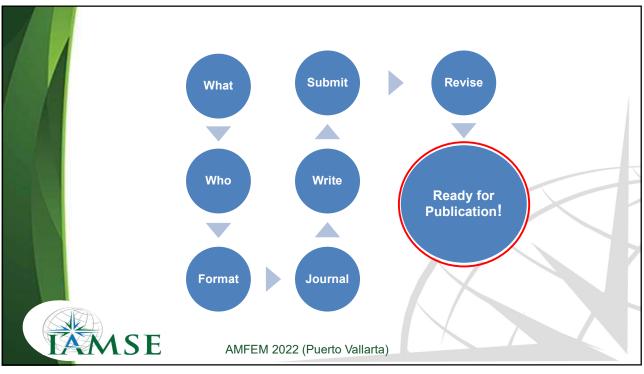


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Tips for revising your manuscript: Read the reviewer comments carefully Revise the manuscript Explain in a separate letter to the editor how comments have been addressed If you disagree with the reviewer, let the editor know why The editor evaluates the revisions and your response If satisfied, the article will be accepted



After acceptation

Production process

- Final version formatted to journal style (by Publisher)
- Sign copyright agreement and pay optional Open Access fees
- Proofing by authors
- · Publication in print and/or online

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- Accessible through Springer website

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