Open peer review at F1000Research

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The F1000Research model

1. Article submission
2. Publication & data deposition
3. Open peer review & user commenting
4. Article revision

Indexed once 'passed' peer review
What does peer review at F1000Research look like?
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A peer review report at F1000 can be:

- **Approved**: The paper is academically sound in its current form and only minor improvements are suggested.

- **Approved with Reservations**: A number of small changes or sometimes more significant revisions are required to address specific details and improve the paper's academic merit.

- **Not Approved**: Fundamental flaws in the paper seriously undermine the findings and conclusions.
How does peer review at F1000Research work?

- Formal and invited peer review process
  - Reviewers are invited by the Editorial team
  - Reports must meet our Code of Conduct before they are published
  - Our Editorial team are happy to work with reviewers if they need assistance
  - Reviewers are asked to provide updated reviews if a new version is published
  - Academics who weren’t invited to review can use our Comment system to add their feedback
How does peer review at F1000Research work?

- F1000Research Peer Reviewer Code of Conduct:
  - Read the article fully
  - Be thorough
  - Be specific
  - Be constructive in your criticism
  - Avoid derogatory comments or tone
Preserving integrity at F1000Research

- It is vital that readers can trust the peer review process
- Every invited reviewer has been checked by the Editorial team
- Look for subject expertise and a lack of competing interests
- Competing Interest statements on every peer review report
- If unsure, readers can check reviewer credentials for themselves!
Thank you!

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