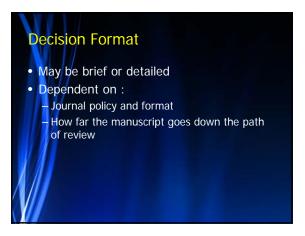


# Decision Format Generally... Comments from each reviewer May be edited for clarity and inappropriate comments removed Final comment from Editor



## Rejection • Very common experience • Dependent on Journal - Higher with competitive and more desirable Journals - Electronic and open access Journals often have better acceptance rates • Can be a constructive learning experience • Can assist in improving a manuscript for submission else where

# Rejection • May occur without review - Outside scope of journal / not suitable for readership - Similar to previously published / recently accepted material - Journal requirements not met

## Rejection

- With review
  - Poor methodology and experimental design
  - Flawed interpretation of results / poor statistics
  - Poor writing (grammar, vocabulary etc...)
  - Plagiarism

## Rejection

- Fruitless to argue with point blank rejection
- Learn what you can, modify your article if necessary and look to another journal....
- In most cases an improved manuscript will find a place for publication

### Accept with Revision

- Remember to stay positive ..... This is a GOOD thing!
- Editor and reviewer comments aimed at improving the manuscript
- Be optimistic ..... there is a very good chance you will get published

### Accept with Revision

- Reasons for revision request
- Minor faults / omissions in methods
- Minor inaccuracies / contradictions in data
- Unclear deductions / conclusions
- Excessive manuscript length
- Unclear / poor writing that is still felt to be potentially salvageable

### Revision

- Address <u>every</u> point made by both reviewers and editor in a covering letter with re-submission of manuscript
- Changes in the text should be clearly indicated
- Do it within the time frame stipulated

### Revision

- "the editor and reviewers are always right"
- Well .... sort of.....
- Occasionally (rarely) if some facts or details from editor / reviewer are in error or not justified this can be pointed out
- If this is done remember:
  - Make sure your facts are well supported
  - Be respectful and emotion free
  - The editor will almost always support the reviewer

## Revision

- If you cannot agree to make the changes required consider submission to a different journal
- Remember to let the journal know you are withdrawing the article