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- Editorial process for protocols and reviews -

<p>1 START You submit a draft manuscript* to the editorial base – go to 2</p>	<p>2 The editorial base thinks that the manuscript meets our standards – go to 3 OR The manuscript needs further revisions – return to 1</p>	<p>3 Your manuscript protocol is sent to peer-review. This involves: 1-2 consumer referees, 1-2 clinical editors/referees, and 1 statistical editor/reviewer – go to 4</p>	<p>4 You wait for 3-4 weeks (protocol) or 4-6 weeks (review) while your manuscript is at peer-review – go to 5</p>
<p>5 The editorial base collates and checks peer-reviewer comments (e.g. for contradictory or contentious points) – go to 6</p>	<p>6 You receive peer-reviewer comments & no revisions are required! - Go to 10 OR You need to respond to all peer-reviewer comments & revise the manuscript – go to 7</p>	<p>7 The editorial base returns your revised manuscript & response to peer-reviewers – go to 8</p>	<p>8 Peer-reviewers are happy with the revisions – go to 10 OR Peer-reviewers aren't happy with the revisions – go to 9</p>
<p>9 You revise and resubmit your manuscript - return to 8</p> <p></p> <p>NB there is a limit to the number of times your manuscript can be resubmitted, and it may be rejected</p>	<p>10 The Co-ordinating Editors & Statistical Editor peruse your manuscript – go to 11</p>	<p>11 You wait for 2 to 3 weeks (for protocol and review) – go to 12</p>	<p>12 The Co-ordinating Editor & Statistical Editor approve the manuscript – go to 13 OR They ask for minor revisions – return to 9</p>
<p>13 The manuscript is sent to Wiley Copy-editors - go to 14</p>	<p>14 You wait 2-3 weeks (protocol) or 3-4 weeks (review) – go to 15</p>	<p>15 You peruse Wiley Copy-editor remarks & amend your manuscript if necessary – go 16</p>	<p>16 CONGRATULATIONS - your manuscript is published!</p>

*Manuscript = protocol or review