

DEVELOPMENTAL MEDICO-LIFE-SCIENCES

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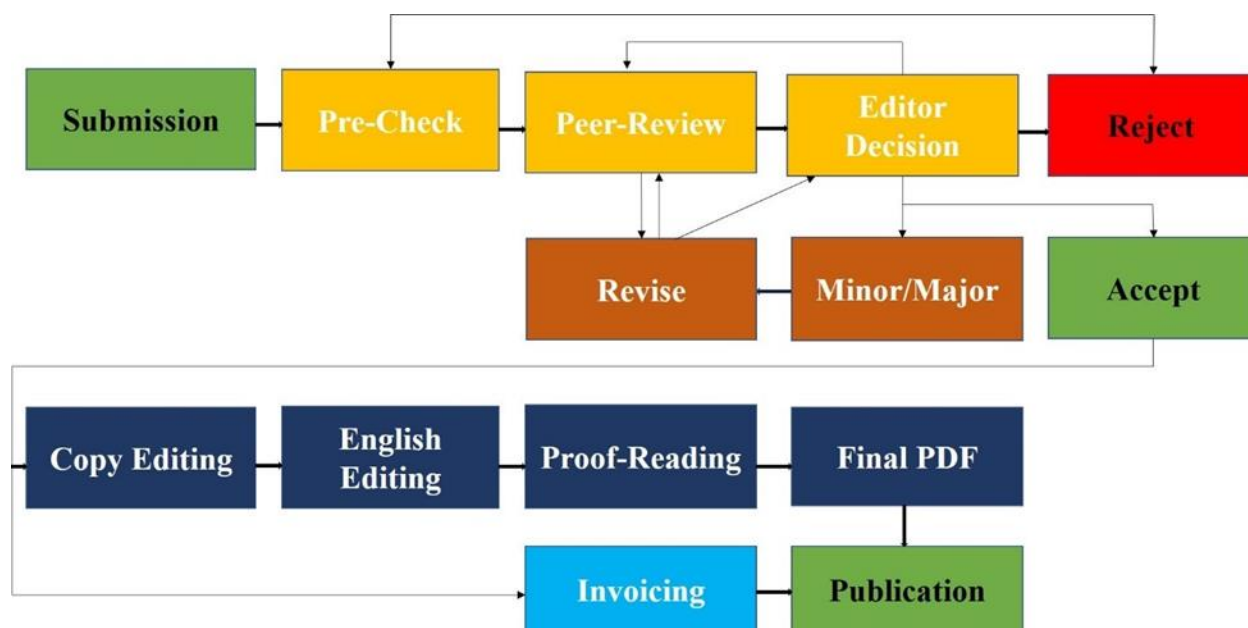
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[1] WAME. Recommendations on Publication Ethics Policies for Medical Journals [Internet]. 2015 [cited 28 December 2015]. Available from: <http://www.wame.org/about/recommendations-on-publication-ethics-policie>

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