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Our Academic Editors oversee the peer review process from beginning to end, taking responsibility for conducting an initial assessment based on the criteria for publication, finding and inviting reviewers, evaluating their feedback, making editorial decisions, and communicating decisions to authors. Academic Editors play an active role in the community and are highly engaged as representatives of PLOS.

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