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6.4 NEW INNOVATIONS IN PEER REVIEW:

IMPROVING THE AUTHOR SUBMISSION PROCESS


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JBJS, INC. JOURNALS PORTFOLIO

- *The Journal of Bone & Joint Surgery*
- *JBJS Case Connector*
- *JBJS Essential Surgical Techniques*
- *JBJS Reviews*
- *JBJS Open Access*
- *JBJS Journal of Orthopaedics for Physician Assistants*



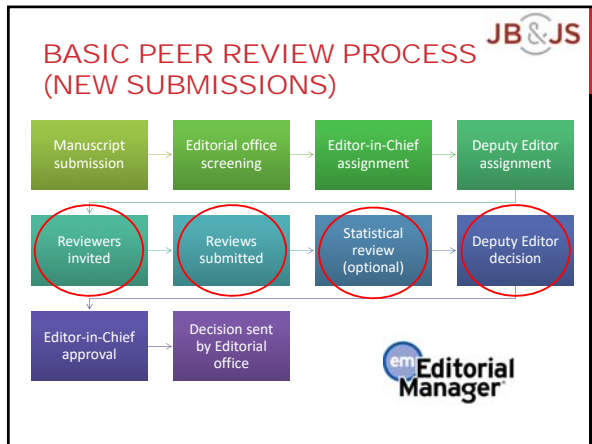
2,200+ submissions each year

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THE JOURNAL OF BONE & JOINT SURGERY

- 1,600 submissions last year
- Original scientific study acceptance rate = 18%
- Double-blinded peer review process:
 - Authors do not know reviewers' identities
 - Reviewers do not know authors' identities
 - Editors know everyone's identities





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- ## STEPS TAKEN TO DATE: EDITORS
- **Weekly automated editor reminder emails**
 - Personal editor emails as necessary
 - **Weekly stats editor queue emails**
 - Editor-in-Chief follow-up as necessary
 - **Monthly acceptance rate and transfer rate emails**

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EDITOR REMINDER EMAILS

For: JBJS Editor Reminder - (EMR) 73a72676c48895
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Apr 13 2018 12:48AM

Dear Dr. Clark:

Here is a summary of the key folders in your Editorial Manager editor queue. You have been sent this summary because one or more of the manuscripts below may require attention.

Folder Summary as of Apr 13 2018 12:48AM

■ [New Assignments \(7\)](#)
■ [Submissions with Required Revisions Complete \(0\)](#)

Submission Lists as of Apr 13 2018 12:48AM

[New Assignments \(7\)](#)

Submission	Submitted #	Status	Editor Decision
73a72676c48895	Submitted	(3 Days)	
73a72676c48895	Submitted	Revised by Editor	8 Revisions
73a72676c48895	258 Days Ago	(3 Days)	

Title: Cost effectiveness of Surgical and Non-surgical Treatments for Uncomplicated Acute Aortic A Dissection Model
 Authors: Gregory S. Kaprielian, BA, Jess H. Linnar, MD, Mitchell D. Mathewson, PhD, Hassan M. A. Ghomran, PhD, Ashu, Antonio F. Chen, MD/MS, Brigham Institute of Thomas Jefferson Univ

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STEPS TAKEN TO DATE: REVIEWERS


- Shortened reviewer deadlines (14 days for new submissions, 10 for revised submissions)
- Weekly reviewer prodding
- Annual reviewer maintenance

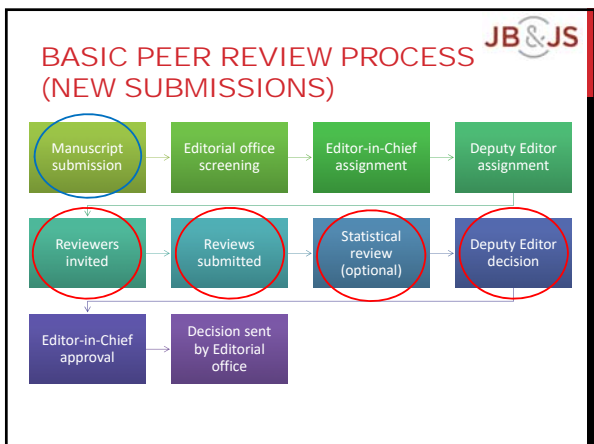



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REVIEWERS: POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT


- Annual Reviewer Appreciation List
- Elite Reviewers Program
- Thank-you emails for excellent reviews







FOCUS ON AUTHORS 


- **Reduced author deadlines (21 days first revisions, 14 days subsequent revisions)**
- **Author Resource Center (2016)**
- **Streamlined Instructions for Authors page**

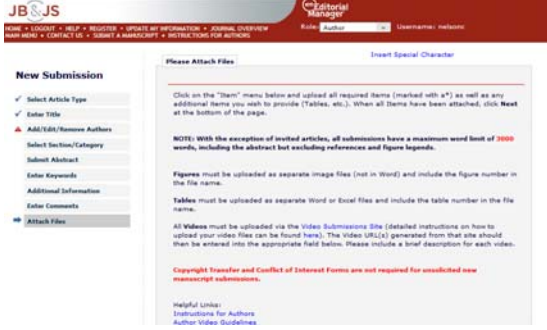


FOCUS ON AUTHORS CONT. 

- **Improvements to the author submission system**
 - Updated Editorial Manager submission interface with manuscript Xtract
 - Optional starting with version 14.1
 - Mandatory starting with version 15.0 (mid-2018)
- **Started with JBJS submission site**



SUBMISSION INTERFACE: BEFORE 



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AUTOMATIC TRANSFER OF DATA

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MANUSCRIPT XTRACT FEATURE

Will pull following fields from designated Word file:

- Title
- Authors
- Affiliations
- Abstract

(Double-blind review process maintained by using Title Page as designated file)

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OVERALL BENEFITS

- Cleaner interface
- Reduced manual data entry
- More intuitive

CONSIDERATIONS

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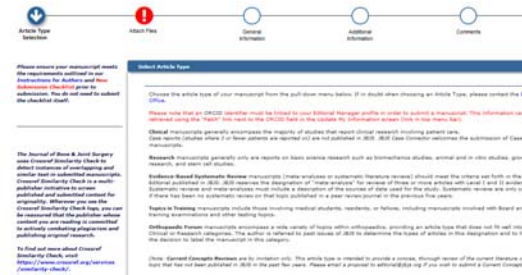
- Buttons may be confusing



- Title page does not always "catch"
- Learning curve for configuration

EXAMPLE

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"Article Type Selection"

"Select Article Type"

SET-UP ADVICE

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- Budget at least 1 hour for set-up
- Use two separate browsers (not windows)

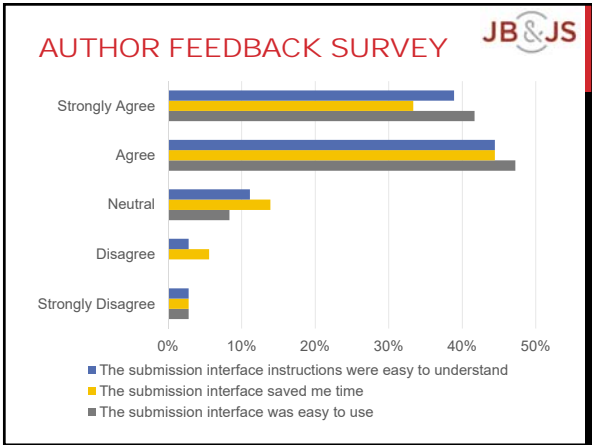


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ADVICE CONT.

- **Have staff (especially outside department) test**
- **Walk through revision process as well (proxy)**
- **Gather feedback from authors**
 - 113 unique authors
 - Link in confirmation email; reminder email
 - 36 responses (32%)





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OVERALL GOAL

Shortening the peer review process while maintaining its high quality

