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Publishing your research

Deciding where to publish and understanding the process

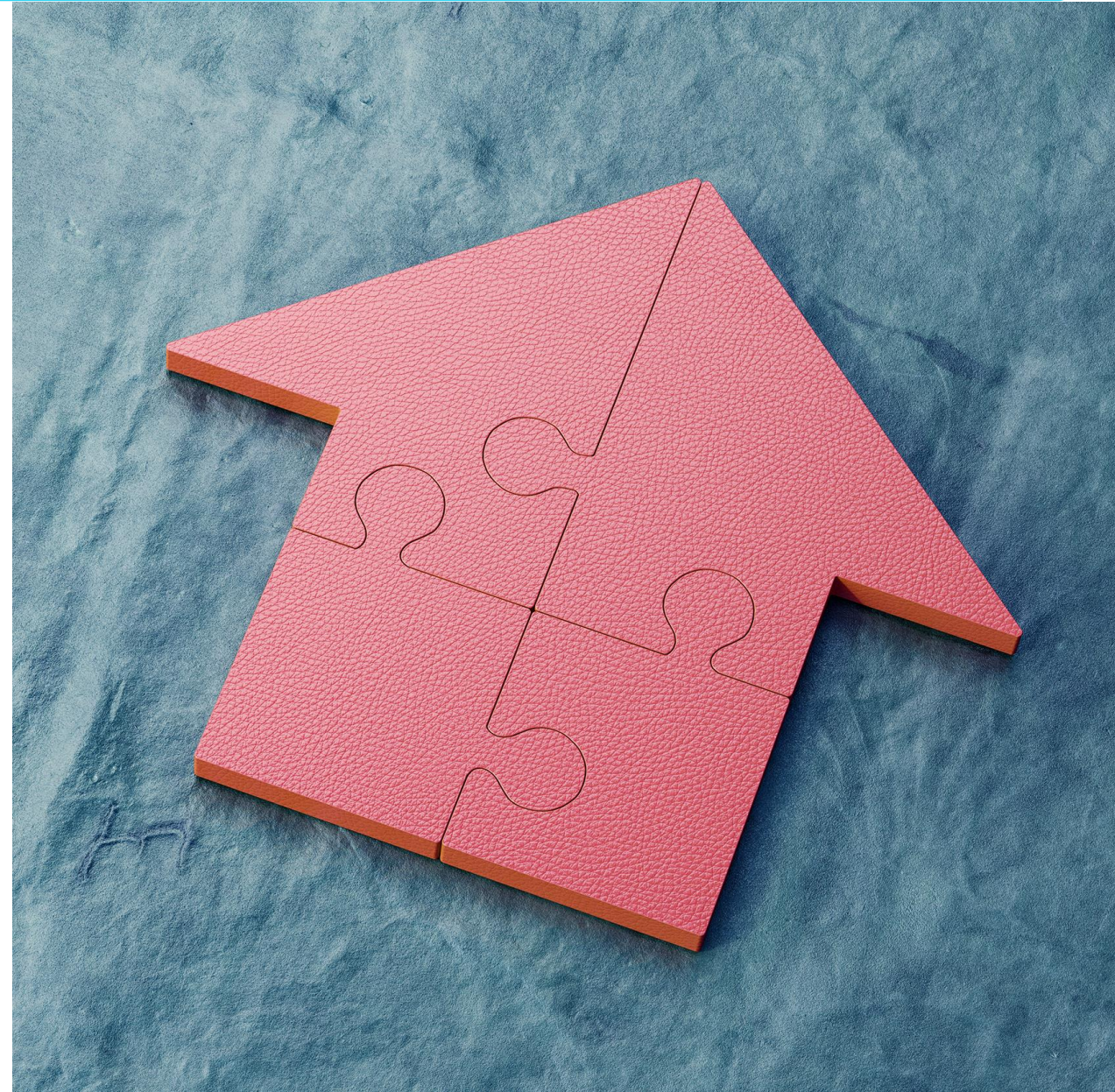
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Session overview



1. Why we publish
2. Where to publish
3. Your Open Access options
4. Peer review & timelines
5. After your article is published



Part one

Why we publish





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Why is getting published important to you?

Understanding your 'WHY' is important



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- Industry
- Policy makers
- Community

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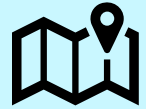
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WHERE

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- High Impact
- Open access
- Special issue

Part two

Where to publish



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Where are you on your publishing journey?

Type a number in the chat:

1 = Total beginner

2 = Learning the ropes

3 = Submitted but not yet published

4 = Published before

5 = Very experienced



Ask



1. What journals are YOU reading?
2. Where are your supervisors or peers are publishing?
3. Where is the main conversation your research is part of happening?



Find a journal



Use **journal suggesters** to find journals that match your abstract.

- [JANE](#)
- [Springer Journal Suggester](#)
- [Taylor & Francis Journal Suggester](#)



Find a journal



Use **journal lists** to check credibility and rankings.

- [Journal Citation Reports](#) (JCR)
- [SCOPUS](#)
- [DOAJ](#) (Directory of Open Access Journals)



Check journal fit



Base your assessment on the following factors:

- Aims & Scope
- Time to publication
- Reputation & citations
- Funder or institutional mandates
- Data publishing policies
- Copyright policy
- Discoverability
- Open Access options

Part three

Your open access options





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**When looking for articles in the past,
have you ever hit a paywall?**



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When you hit the paywall, did you:

Type a number in the chat:

1 = Pay for it

2 = Read the abstract, then gave up

3 = Look for it in the library catalogue, couldn't find it, gave up

4 = Try to find it somewhere else on the Internet

5 = Use a pirated copy



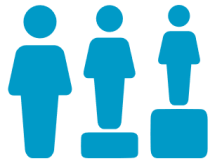
What is Open Access?



- Free for anyone to read online — no paywalls.
- May cost authors (an APC), but not always.
- Free or prepaid options exist through agreements, Diamond journals or sharing earlier versions.
- Authors keep more control over their work using Creative Commons (CC) licences.



Why should you care about Open Access?



more equitable



more downloads



more exposure



wider impact



higher citations

How can you make your work open access?



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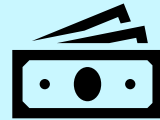
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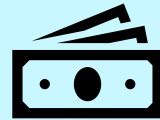
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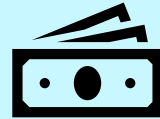
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STEP 4

- Is there a Diamond OA journal that you could publish in? Check out [DOAJ](#).

Part four

Peer review & timelines





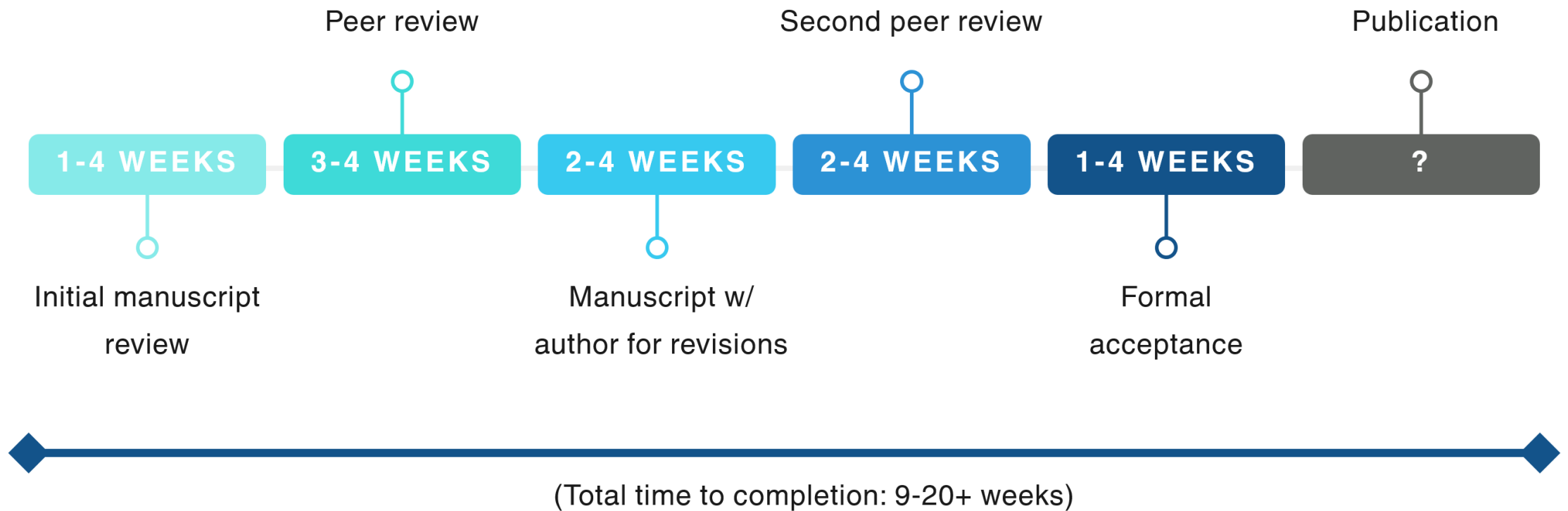
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How long does the publishing process take?

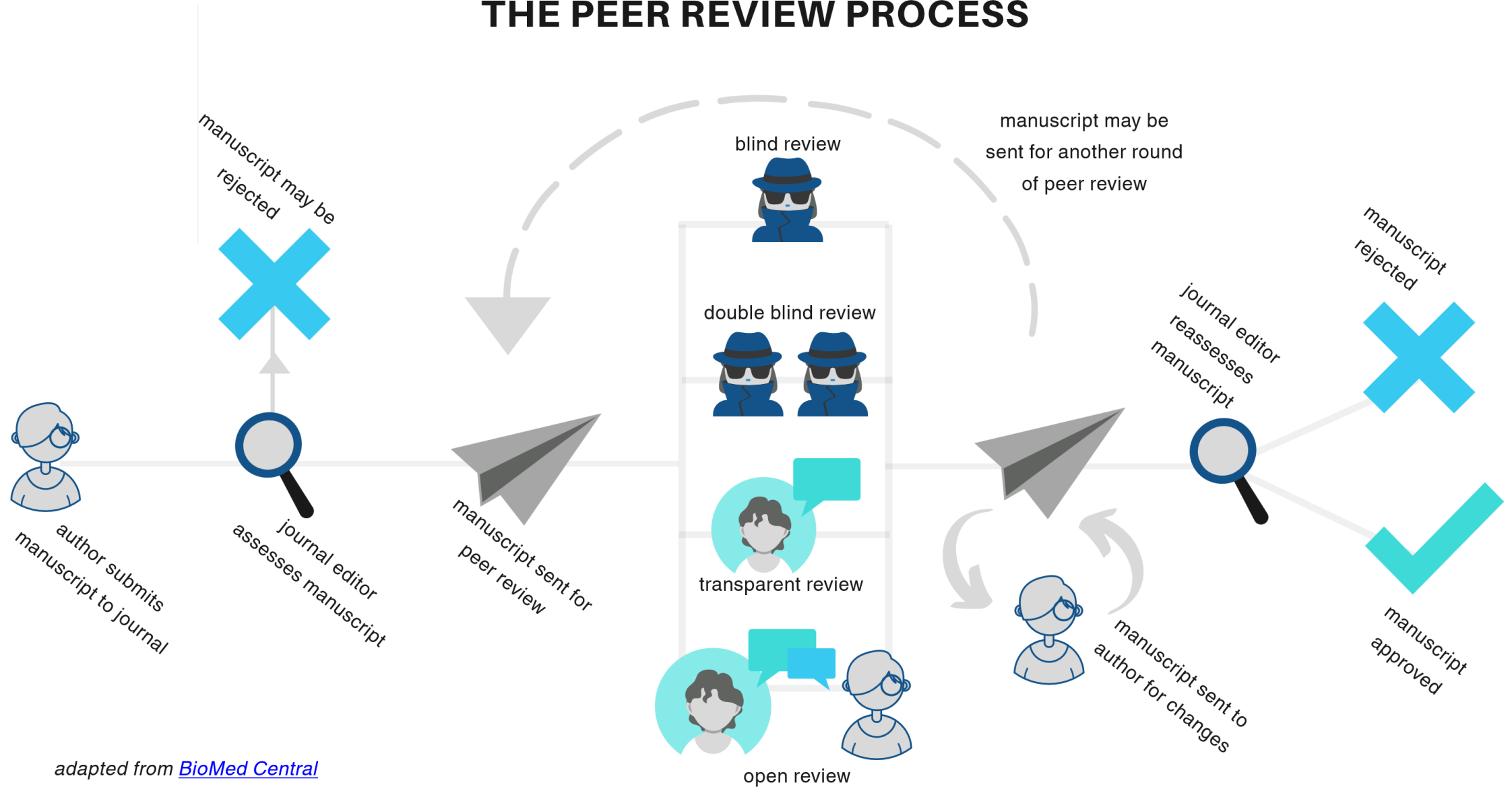
ACADEMIC PUBLISHING TIMELINE

(a theoretical example)



Based loosely on PLOS - [Understanding the Publishing Process](#)

THE PEER REVIEW PROCESS



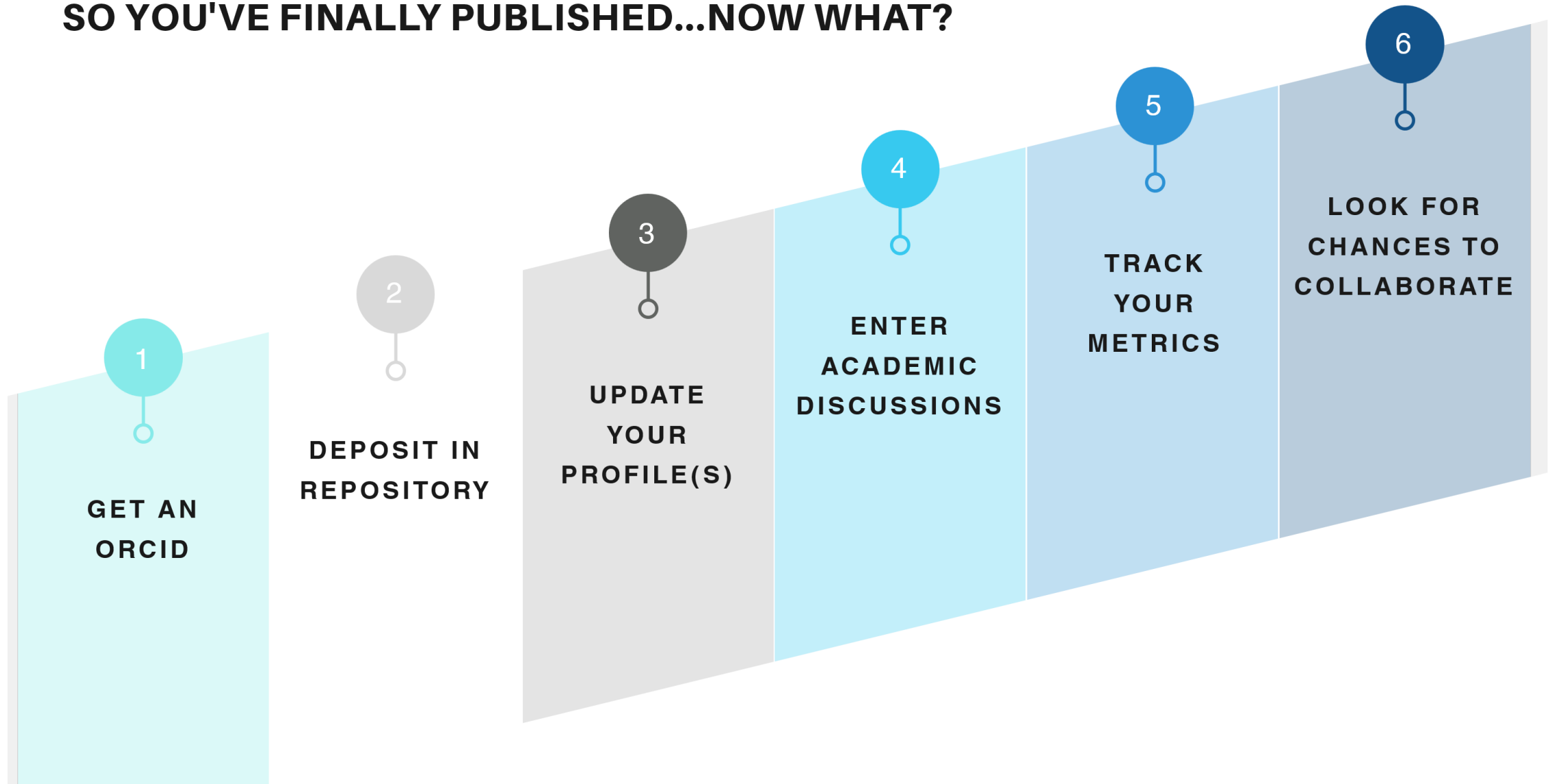
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Part five

After publishing



SO YOU'VE FINALLY PUBLISHED...NOW WHAT?





Questions & Feedback

- What was your one takeaway from this session?
- Check out the [Publishing Guide](#).
- Use [AskUs](#) to reach out.

