

**The status of your "submitted manuscripts" is indicated by one the following stages:**

**With Editorial Office** - successfully submitted and ready to be checked by the Editorial Office.

**Awaiting AE Assignment** - checked and approved for processing.

**Awaiting Editor Assignment** - ready to be sent to an appropriate editor.

**Awaiting Reviewer Selection** - assigned to an editor, and waiting for them to select a reviewer. Note that a reviewer is usually selected and invited within a few days of submission, but this status is also shown if invited reviewers decline and a new reviewer is being sought, which extends the period.

**Awaiting Reviewer Invitation** - a reviewer has been selected and will be invited shortly.

**Reviewers Invited** - one or more reviewers have been invited and we are awaiting their response. If a reviewer declines then the paper returns to Awaiting Reviewer Selection.

**Awaiting Reviewer Reports** - the paper has been sent to the reviewer(s) and we are awaiting their report. Reviewers are asked to provide a report within 14 days for Letters and 21 days for Main Journal papers. Regular reminders are sent. Please allow 2 months from submission before enquiring.

**Awaiting Editor Recommendation** - the report(s) have been received and are being considered by the editor.

**Awaiting AE Decision** - the editor's decision has been sent to the Editorial Office and will be forwarded to you shortly. Note this status is also shown if it is necessary to consult a second editor for another opinion, or obtain additional files from the author before a paper is accepted.