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- **Step 2: Managing editor review**
  - ▸ "Broad skim of paper for fit and quality" (does not read entire paper).
    - Is this research interesting, novel, and important?
    - Is this research likely of interest to readers of the journal?
    - Does the paper appear competently communicated and executed?
  - ▸ Desk rejection phase.
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  - Makes an accept/revise/reject decision or recommendation to the managing editor.

Publishing in Economics - Sample Rates

JOLE TURNAROUND TIMES, PREVIOUS TWO YEARS

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SUMMARY STATISTICS OF TURNAROUND TIMES, CURRENT _JPE_ EDITORS

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- **When is it ok to appeal an editor's decison?**
  - ▸ Almost never.
  - ▸ Did a reviewer make a factual error and did the editor state this as a reason for rejection?

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- **Most common mistake?**
  - ▶ Me: "Where will you send this paper?"
  - ▶ Junior Colleague: "Journal A, B, or C".
  - ▶ Me: "Who would likely handle the paper at each of those journals?"
  - ▶ Junior Colleague: "I don't know".

Submission checklist

- Mirya Holman's pre-submission checklist