

## ***Stat reviewer's checklist***

The Reviewer's Checklist comprises lists of criteria and, in some cases, words describing attributes of their meaning. Yes, No and N/A have the following meanings:

- Yes = the submission is acceptable according to the corresponding criterion
- No = the submission is not acceptable according to the corresponding criterion
- N/A = the criterion is not relevant to this submission (only applies in a few cases)

For each criterion, enter a '1' in the appropriate column (Y, N or N/A).

Any score in the No column means that the submission is not acceptable.

Score			Quality of Results	Attributes
Yes	No	N/A		(This information only presented if requested by the reviewer, e.g. by clicking on a button)
			Clear purpose & conclusions	
			Novel	Significant advance / significant adaptation from elsewhere / new model / ...
			Addresses a worthwhile problem	Problem is interesting and worth tackling.
			Appears to be technically correct	Mathematically sound Statistically sound
			Adequate demonstration of validity	Claimed properties or advantages justified sufficiently Sufficient detail that reader can reproduce results
			Adequate references to literature	Cites recent work, key papers in the area, ...
			Appropriate example or real-world application	If an example or application is needed, what's provided is suitable

Score			Quality of Presentation	Attributes
Yes	No	N/A		
			Well organised	
			Clear exposition	Assumptions and model specifications clearly identified
			Readable	
			Well-summarised	Title, abstract, key words
			Software fit for purpose	Adequately documented, works as stated, acceptably easy to use
			Good graphics and tables	
			Good English	Spelling, grammar

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