

Procedure in the case of an article being rejected by one of the two reviewers

Four different situations are imaginable:

1. One reviewer rejects the article and the other one accepts it without any modifications

The article is submitted to a third reviewer.

If this reviewer accepts the article without any modifications, with minor or major modifications, the article is **accepted** under the condition that the still necessary revisions are made.

The reviewer who had suggested the rejection is informed about the proceedings and the decision made by the editorial team.

2. One reviewer rejects the article and the other one accepts it with minor modifications

The article is submitted to a third reviewer.

If this reviewer accepts the article without any modifications or with minor modifications, the article is **accepted** under the condition that the still necessary revisions are made.

The reviewer who had suggested the rejection is informed about the proceedings and the decision made by the editorial team.

If this reviewer accepts the article with major modifications, the article has to be **withdrawn** and **resubmitted** (see case 3).

3. One reviewer rejects the article and the other one accepts it with major modifications

The article has to be **withdrawn** and **resubmitted for an evaluation by two new reviewers**.

4. Both reviewers reject the article

The article is **rejected** and cannot be resubmitted.