

# How to Get Started

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- Download manuscript from bioRxiv
- Scan the *JNeurosci* review form
- Read the manuscript title and abstract carefully
- Look at the figures to familiarize yourself with the findings
- Read the article through, highlighting or taking notes as you go
- Return to the beginning:
  - Does the title accurately reflect the conclusions of the manuscript?
  - Does the abstract accurately represent the important findings and place them in context?
  - Is sufficient information provided to understand how the study was conducted?
  - Are the data analyzed in a statistically appropriate way?
  - Are the conclusions in the text supported by the data?
  - Are the figures clear and understandable?
  - Are there any alternative hypotheses that could explain the results?
  - Are there any technical limitations that are being overlooked?
  - Is relevant previous work cited?