

Research Integrity at Hindawi

High standards of research integrity and publication ethics are central to our mission as a publisher. Researchers should be confident in trusting that published research has followed best practice and is an honest reflection of the science.

As publishers we are dedicated to ensuring that standards of publishing ethics and research integrity are upheld, our processes are working as intended, and that we continuously improve our practices to address new and emerging challenges. We have many teams working on this and these steps range from editorial screening teams, peer review stages with contributions from journal editors and discipline experts.

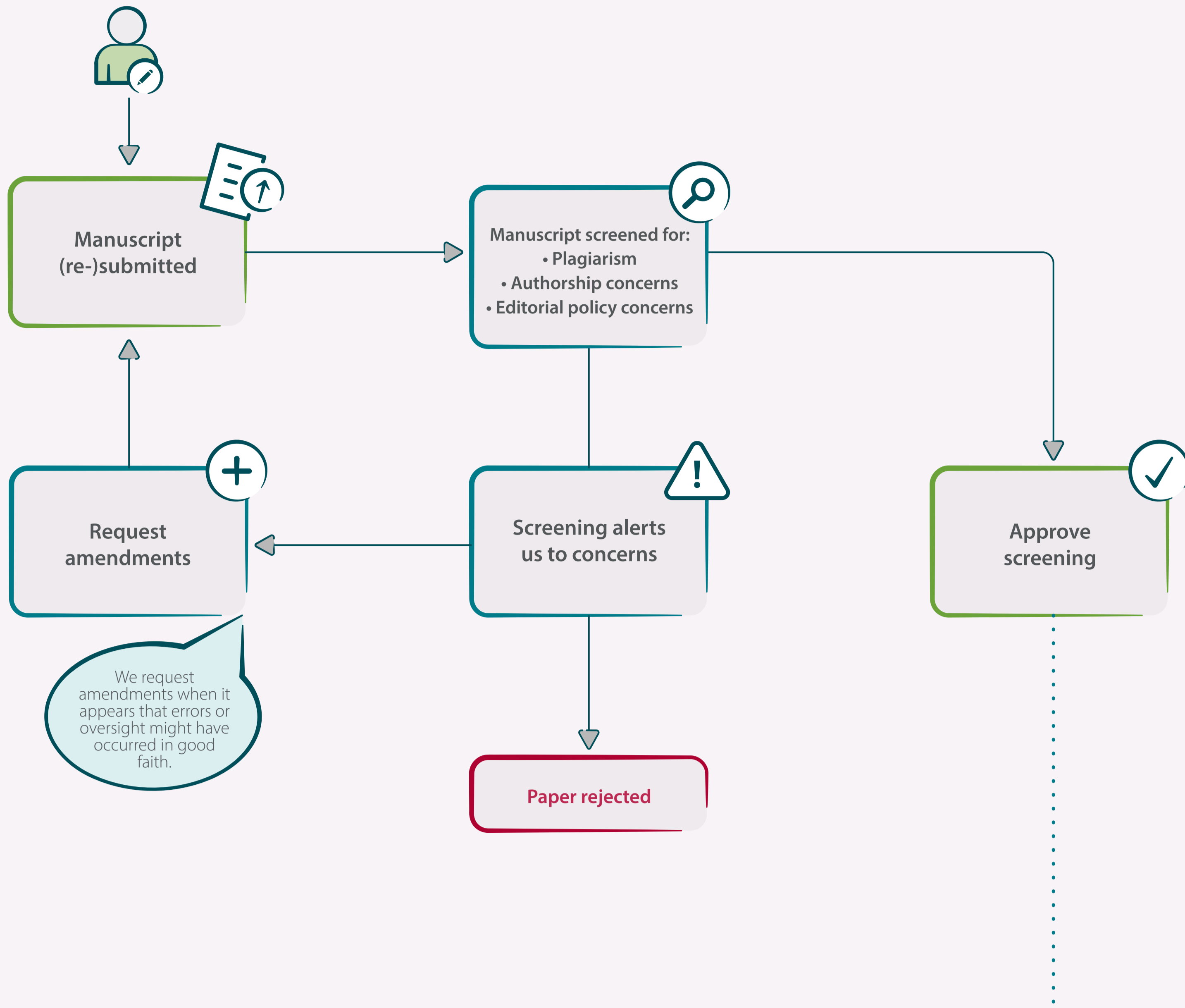
How do we work to uphold research integrity at Hindawi?

The following graphic outlines the steps in content development and research integrity assurance that each manuscript will undertake during its submission journey.

For ease of reading, and to avoid revealing too much to those who may attempt to exploit our workflows, the following is a high-level overview demonstrating our approach to screening submitted manuscripts and upholding research integrity.

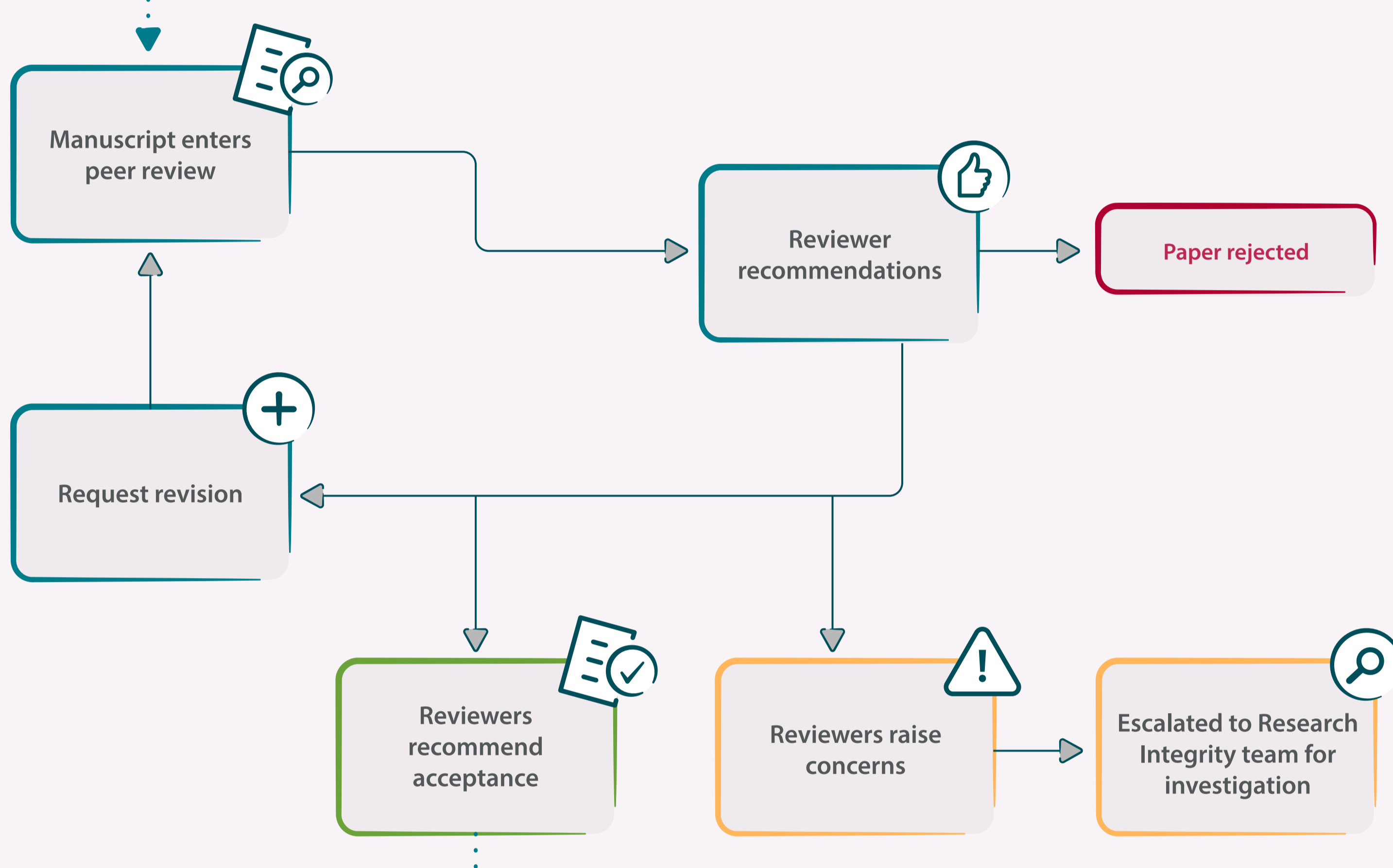
1 Initial Screening

After submission, a paper will first go to our Editorial Screening Team who will undertake the following checks before the manuscript goes to peer review.



Peer Review 2

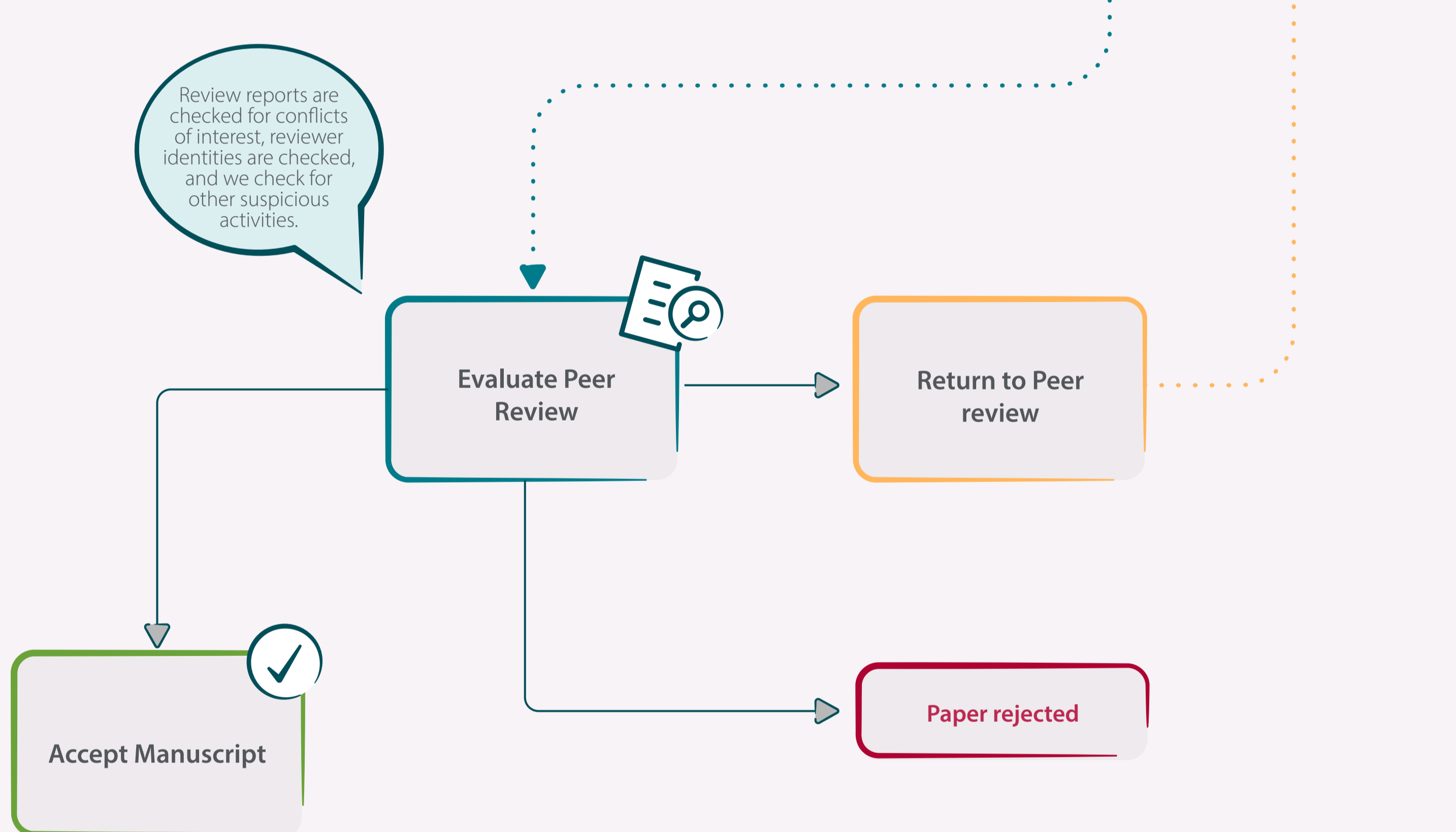
Once a manuscript has passed initial screening it will enter peer review. The manuscript will be assigned to a journal editor who will invite peer reviewers to write review reports and provide comments, feedback, and in some cases highlight concerns, as well as sharing publishing recommendations – to accept or reject.



3 Peer Review Evaluation

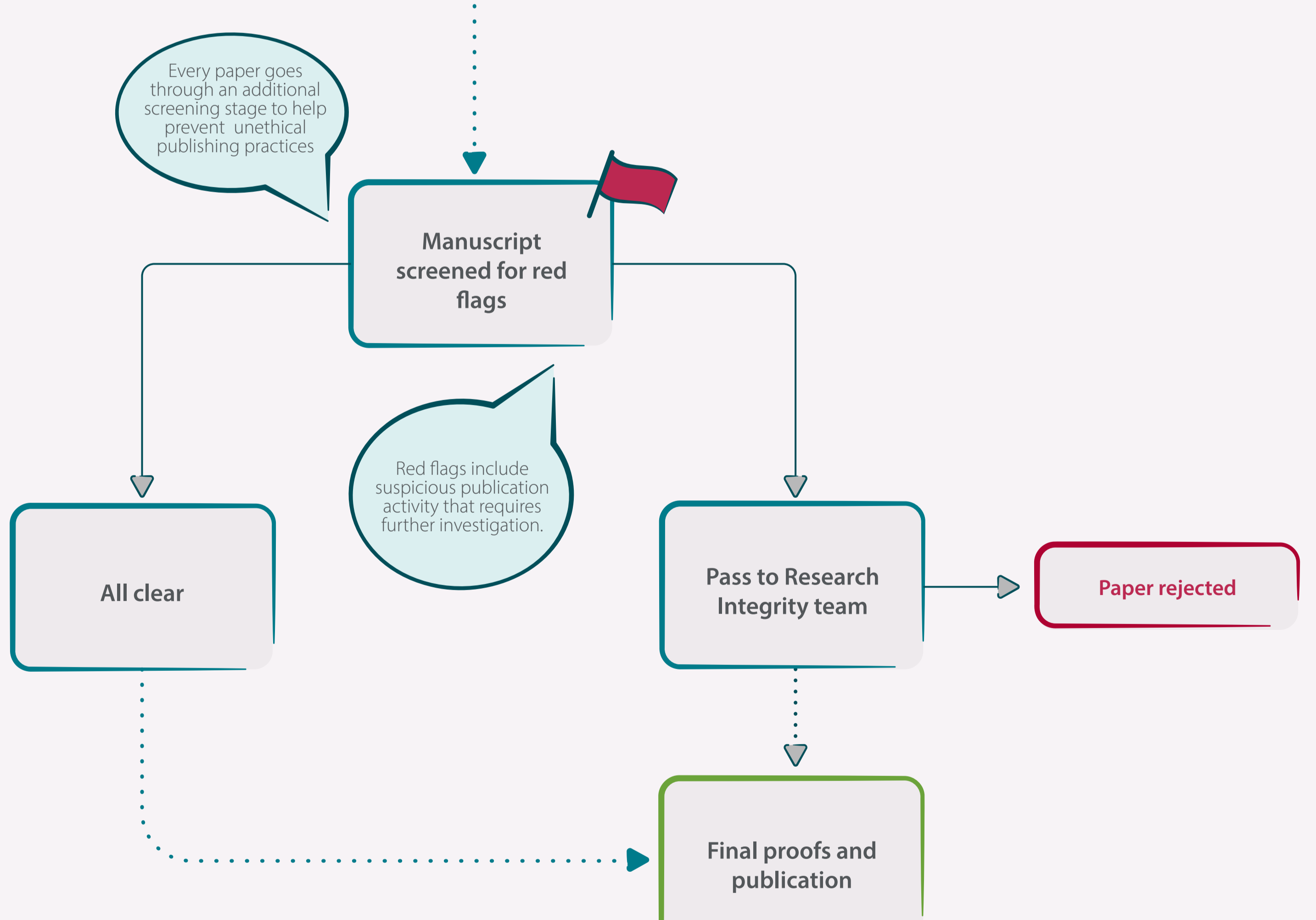
When a manuscript is accepted, a specialized internal team complete an enhanced set of quality checks in addition to the routine post-peer review checks completed for all manuscripts.

These checks are focused on identifying concerning hallmarks of paper mills and peer review manipulation and the team might recommend that the paper receives a new round of peer review or that the editor rejects the paper at this stage.



Manuscript Screening 4

All manuscripts that proceed past peer review and quality checks will undergo additional screening for red flags, hallmarks of suspicious behavior or unethical publishing practices. Every paper is then read and evaluated by specialized internal team before publication.



Post publication concerns

If concerns are raised about a published article, whether raised by the research community or brought to light by investigations of our Research Integrity team, we will investigate the article. Working with the authors, we may then issue a correction or retract the article.

