



# Replication Research (R2)

## General Assembly





# Agenda

## Journal Health

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4. Partnerships
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6. Submission hunting
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## Changes to the constitution and journal workflow

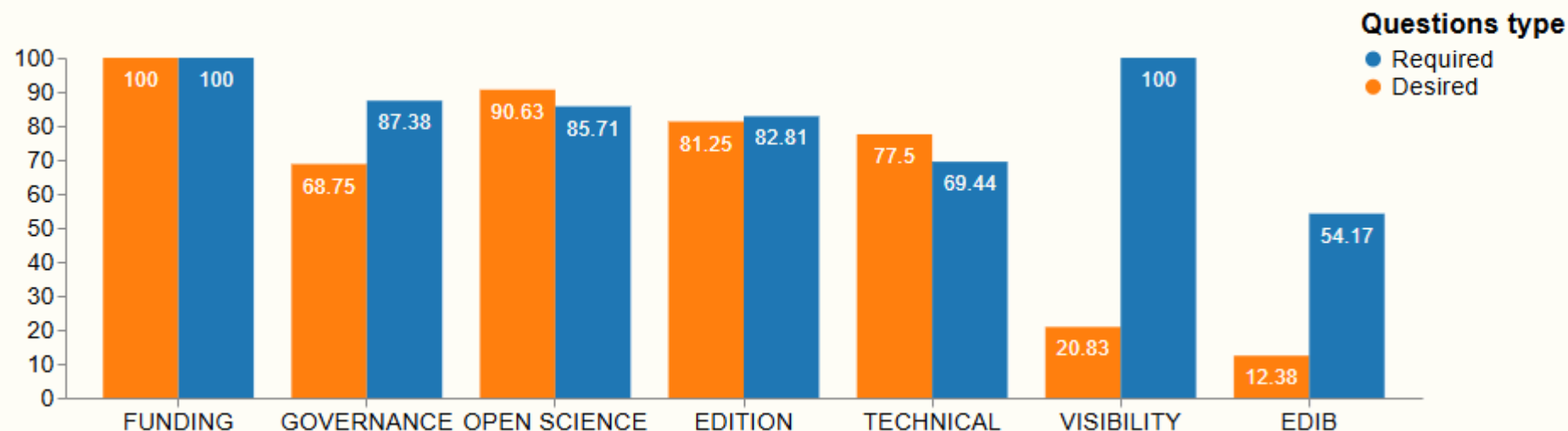
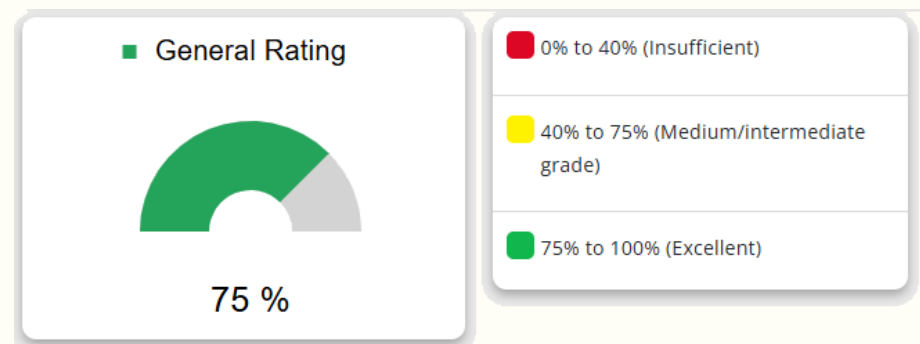
1. Lay summaries
2. Opening up peer review to non-invited reviewers
3. Editorial COIs
4. Reproducibility check before review
5. Updating the Stopping Rule to qualify for DFG LIS funding
6. *Further points for discussion*



# Journal Health Report

# DIAMAS Self-Assessment

- More diverse team
- Stronger advertising needed
- Think about single-source-publishing (XML -> HTML -> PDF)



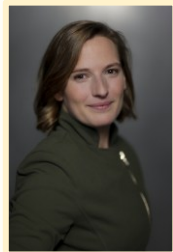
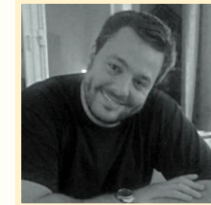
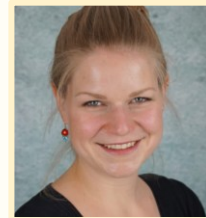
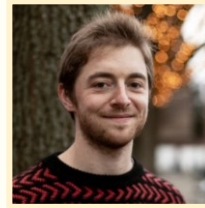
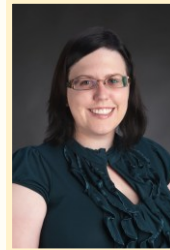




## Advisory Board

## Associate Editors

## Editorial Management





# Team

- We are still looking for AEs from fields that we cannot represent so far (e.g., sociology, natural sciences)
- All other people who are interested should instead submit reproductions/replications, get listed as a reviewer
- Changes
  - Neele did an internship from October to January
  - Prince leaving at the end of April 2026
  - Luke talks to two sociologists in May (ideally 1 AE, 1 AB)
  - Victoria doing more R2 work from June 2026
  - Miriam's contract running until July 2026 (maybe extendable)
  - We need a science communication champion



# Submissions

ID	Submission Date	Handling Editor	Stage
1	15.11.2025	Steven Verheyen	1st decision: revise and resubmit by May 20th (?)
2	03.02.2026	Janik Goltermann	1st decision: revise and resubmit by April 24th
3	25.02.2026	Lukas Wallrich	Pre-Review revision; waiting for Traini to reply
4	04.03.2026	Elen Le Foll	1 review already in; [please invite more reviewers]
5	29.03.2026	Lukas Röseler	Fujita said yes; Feldman did not reply, waiting for replies from two more reviewers; invite more this Friday
6	21.04.2026	Lukas & Lukas	Copy-editing
7	22.04.2026	Susanne Adler	Initial Editorial Assessment

- Three more submissions incoming (that we know of)



# Reviewer Responses

- Acceptance rate very heterogeneous but not terrible (e.g., 1/7, 3/5, 2/10)
- Consider writing an email to reviewer candidates from your personal email and only later via the OJS
- All six reviews we got so far were constructive
- A reviewer may have been unaware that reviews are signed → invitation email template has been updated
- A reviewer felt uncomfortable because they were the original article's author (which is why we reached out)
- ~66 registered users on OJS, a few more in a small “reviewer database”
- Current procedure for contacting reviewers
  - Contact suggested reviewers and authors of the original study (if applicable)
  - Look for other experts, ideally some that you already have had some sort of contact to
  - If you cannot find reviewers, ask in the FORRT community



# Partnerships

Ongoing talks with

- Qualalab
- Qualitative Data Repository
- Institute for Replications
- SeDOA



# Funding and Current Resources



**MüCOS**  
Münster Center  
for Open Science

## Kick-Off funding

- Topical Program (University of Münster): ~€6.8K of 32K left
- OA.NRW: ~€1.3K of 9.45K left



## Catalyst funding

- DFG LIS: ~480K over 3 years (100% Post Doc + 50% RSE) to break barriers of expertise, institutional guidelines on research assessment, and culture of criticism in Linguistics, Neuroscience, and Marketing
- Proposal to be submitted in the coming weeks (decision after ~6 months)

## Sustainability

- Up to 50% FTE via MüCOS (LR)
- ~4h/week Research Assistant (MM)
- 37 applications from interested researchers (AE, Reviewer, Codechecker)
- Free hosting and DOI assignment via University of Münster and Hochschulbibliothekszentrum (HBZ) Cologne

Hosted by:



# Submission hunting

- Invited guest editorial **Camerer, Dreber, Holzmeister, Johannesson, Cova**)
- Outreach to authors of promising preprinted Replications
- Advertisement in SCORE collaboration by Nosek (1 inquiry so far)
- Replication Games Münster in 2026 and Linguistics Replication Workshop in Cologne by Elen Le Foll in 2027
- Dozens of emails to mailing lists → we need more (wait for first 2-3 publications with next wave?)



# Mentorship Program

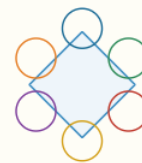
~~Our Mentorship Program will start in spring 2026.~~ It engages students and postdocs as volunteers in a variety of journal tasks, offering them valuable editorial experience and academic self-governance skills.

- Mentorship program is now open for applications
- Suggestion:
  - limited resources
  - 1-2 mentorees for this year (1 from University of Münster to strengthen MüCOS relationship with students)
  - help out with Initial Editorial Assessment (e.g., MetaCheck) and CopyEditing
  - potentially CODECHECK and join the JF
- Applications to [contact@replicationresearch.org](mailto:contact@replicationresearch.org)



# Further Activities

- [Love Replications Week](#)
- [Replication Journal Federation](#) with *ReplicateThis* (incl. 5 min presentation video)
- [Zotero Plugin](#) for finding Replications
- [COS Blog Post](#) on R2
- ZBW Blog Post on R2 (upcoming)
- Neele paper (upcoming)
- Handbook Updates during the summer
- Replications Curriculum for FORRT
- Replication Symposium at DGPs in September by Miriam (R2 QA), Neele (R2 Creation), and Sophie (FRoD)
- R2 Poster at [BAPS](#) by Steven
- [R2 Flyer](#)
- Migration from Uni Münster to HBZ Cologne
- Update from OJS 3.2 to 3.3 (3.5 is available)
- R2 Team-Website overhaul



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**R REPLICATION  
RESEARCH**

replicationresearch.org

What is Replication Research (R2)?

- Diamond Open Access Journal: free to read, free to publish, free from commercial interests
- Multidisciplinary: covering quantitative and qualitative social, cognitive, behavioral, and natural sciences
- Focus on replications, reproductions, and methodological work with a high degree of transparency
- Community-governed and sustainable: created by a diverse team of researchers and embedded into institutional infrastructure

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**R REPLICATION  
RESEARCH**

Why is a journal for replications needed?

- Reproducibility and replicability are vital for trustworthy, cumulative research but remain undervalued in many areas of academic publishing
- Existing journals rarely accept replications and do not have high standards for transparency and reproducibility (e.g., open peer review)
- Most journals are constrained by commercial imperatives that often conflict with scientific values (e.g., high number of publications, urge for innovation)

FORRT

R2 is part of the FORRT Replication Hub, which is targeted at supporting researchers interested in reproduction and replication studies.

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# Changes to the constitution and journal workflow





# Lay Summaries

- Proposal to **appoint Helena Hartmann** to be the R2 Science Communication Champion from 05/2026 – 09/2029
- Tasks
  - Provision (together with authors and handling editors) of Lay Summaries
  - Suggestions for science communication
- Necessary changes to the [constitution](#):
  - Addition of “Science Communication Champion” to section on composition of General Assembly (Editorial Structure)
  - Addition of role “Science Communication Champion” with 3 year period to “Appointing of Members”
  - Addition of section “Science Communication Champion” after “Social Responsibility Champion”:
  - *There can be up to three Science Communication Champions of who one joins the handling editor after they made the decision to accept a manuscript*
  - *An SCC provides the first draft for an article’s lay summary that they or the handling editor send to the authors (e.g., alongside the copy-edited manuscript)*

## Lay Summary Preparation

Person responsible: Handling Editor

Approximate duration (ideal, max): 3,7

- ☐ Summarize the aim of the replication and its results in 4-6 sentences
- ☐ Enter submission into this table [Lay Summaries | R2](#)
- ☐ Share the copy-editing version of the manuscript with Helena Hartmann ([helena.hartmann@uk-essen.de](mailto:helena.hartmann@uk-essen.de)), and ask her to formulate/revise the lay summary
- ☐ Once you receive Helena’s lay summary, include it in your next mail to the authors of the replication and receive confirmation that they are okay with the wording
  - ☐ If no: contact Helena for revision
  - ☐ If yes: save lay summary in project folder

This editorial makes the point that single researchers need to replicate more results from previous authors, but these replications also need to be seen and recognized more. The authors argue that single replication studies of one specific effect are valuable and important, as they provide different information that so-called large-scale replications (where many authors replicate many effects and provide an overall estimate).



# Lay Summary Position

## Position

1. manuscript title page (although this then gets a bit crowded)
2. Only on website, not in manuscript

## Crediting

1. List SCC on peer review reports as responsible for lay summary
2. Only have a general listing on website (and tensing sheet / FORRT contributors)

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**REPLICATION**  
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## From Replication Rates to Replication Evidence

A Guest Editorial

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# Opening up peer review to non-invited reviewers

- Currently not mentioned in the constitution but on the website
- Suggestion: remove from website for now and add when we have figured out a way to engage researchers



# Editorial COIs

- When personal, financial, or professional interests influence an editor's ability to objectively manage, review, or make decisions on manuscripts ([COPE](#))
- Do not review a manuscript from an author who is from your institution
- If you personally know authors (e.g., via co-authorship), disclose it in the (see also [Checklists for Editorial Workflow](#))



# Reproducibility check before review

- Currently, we do not have capacities for this
- We may want to transition to CODECHECK later, though we need to conduct checks in-house for a few submissions, first



# Stopping Rule update

- Update required to allow us to apply for funding (funding from 2027-2029 with a potential stop in early 2028 does not make sense)
- Amendment suggestion:

Since the initial preregistration of these conditions, Replication Research (R2) has actively sought structural funding to support a comprehensive removal of barriers to replications. If major structural funding (that is, a three-year DFG LIS grant) is secured, the original discontinuation date of January 31, 2028, will be formally suspended, as the grant specifically provides the resources (e.g., dedicated staff, workshops, policy interventions) designed to scale the journal. In the event of successful funding, these four conditions will no longer serve as a 'stopping rule', but rather as rigid Key Performance Indicators (KPI) for an interim evaluation at Month 26 of the project. Should the KPIs not be met at that point, the editorial board and the grant personnel will discuss pivoting target disciplines and merging workflows with RJF partners instead of immediate dissolution.





# Further suggestions and points for discussion

- Translate science: <https://translate-science.codeberg.page/>
- On-boarding
  - Dedicated section for undergraduates
  - Training track for people who could be scared-off (independent from reviewers)
  - Janik, Flavio, and Prince create a draft