

Academic Writing Q&A Series:

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- Editorial assistance (with formal acknowledgment) for over 40 peer-reviewed STEM articles
- On the editorial board of two journals, one based in Canada and one in Austria
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 - All answers in this video reflect my experience in scholarly publishing to date (in the future, some things might change)

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Answer:

A preprint is a version of your manuscript that has not yet undergone peer review (as opposed to a postprint, which has had peer review)

- Learn more: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Preprint>

No, posting a preprint to a preprint server (e.g., arXiv.org, <https://arxiv.org/>) does not guarantee acceptance for formal publication, but it can be read by any interested party (who could theoretically provide feedback on your manuscript)

What we learned today

- A preprint has not undergone peer review
- Preprints can get commentaries (but not always) which might help you improve your manuscript