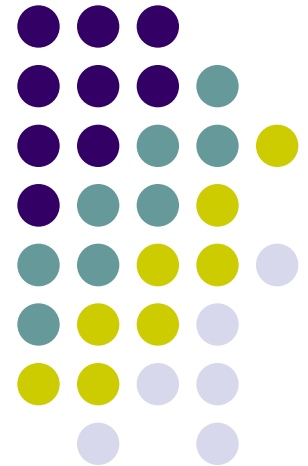
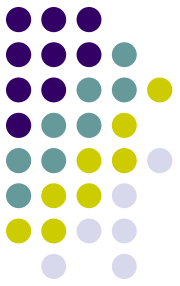


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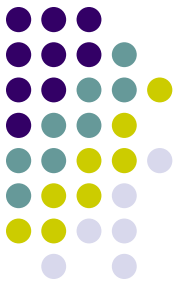
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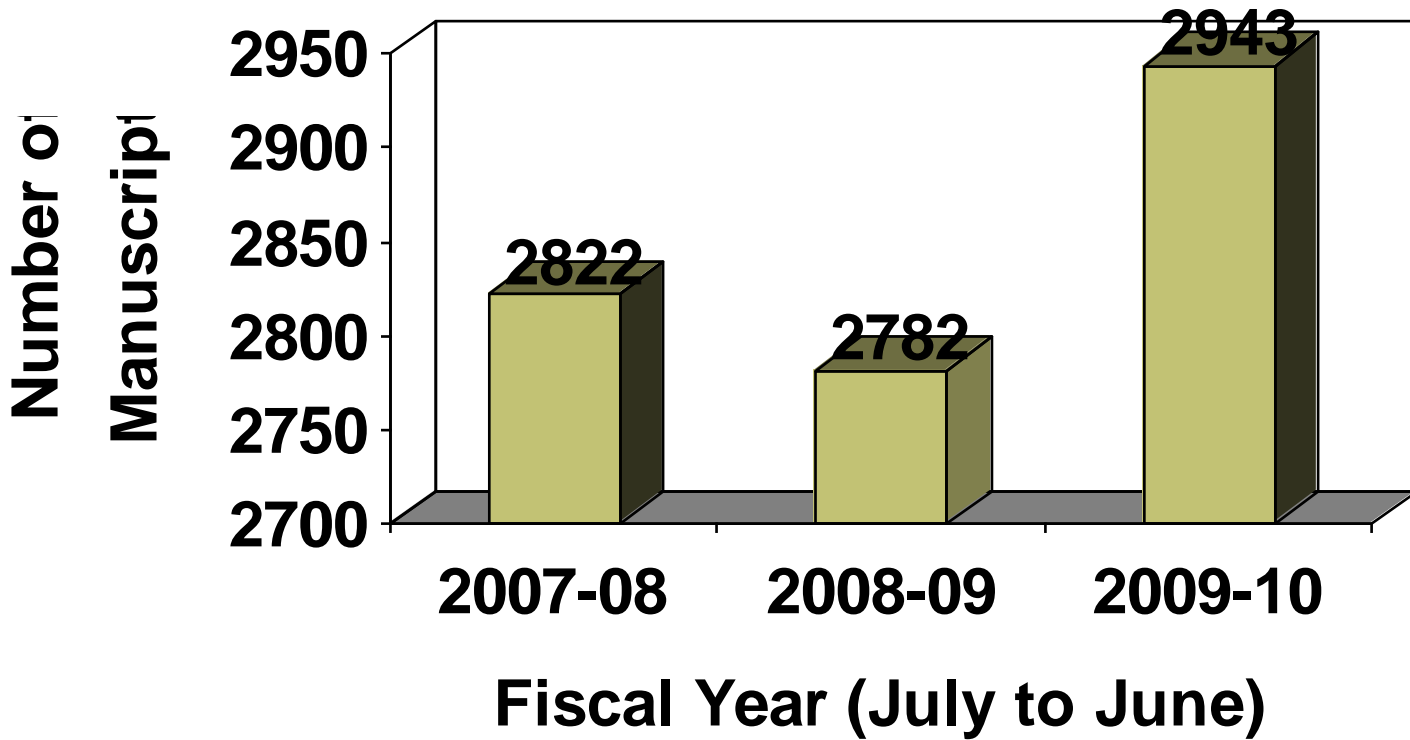
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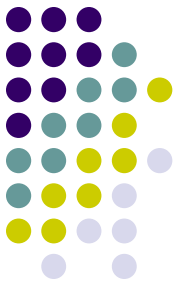


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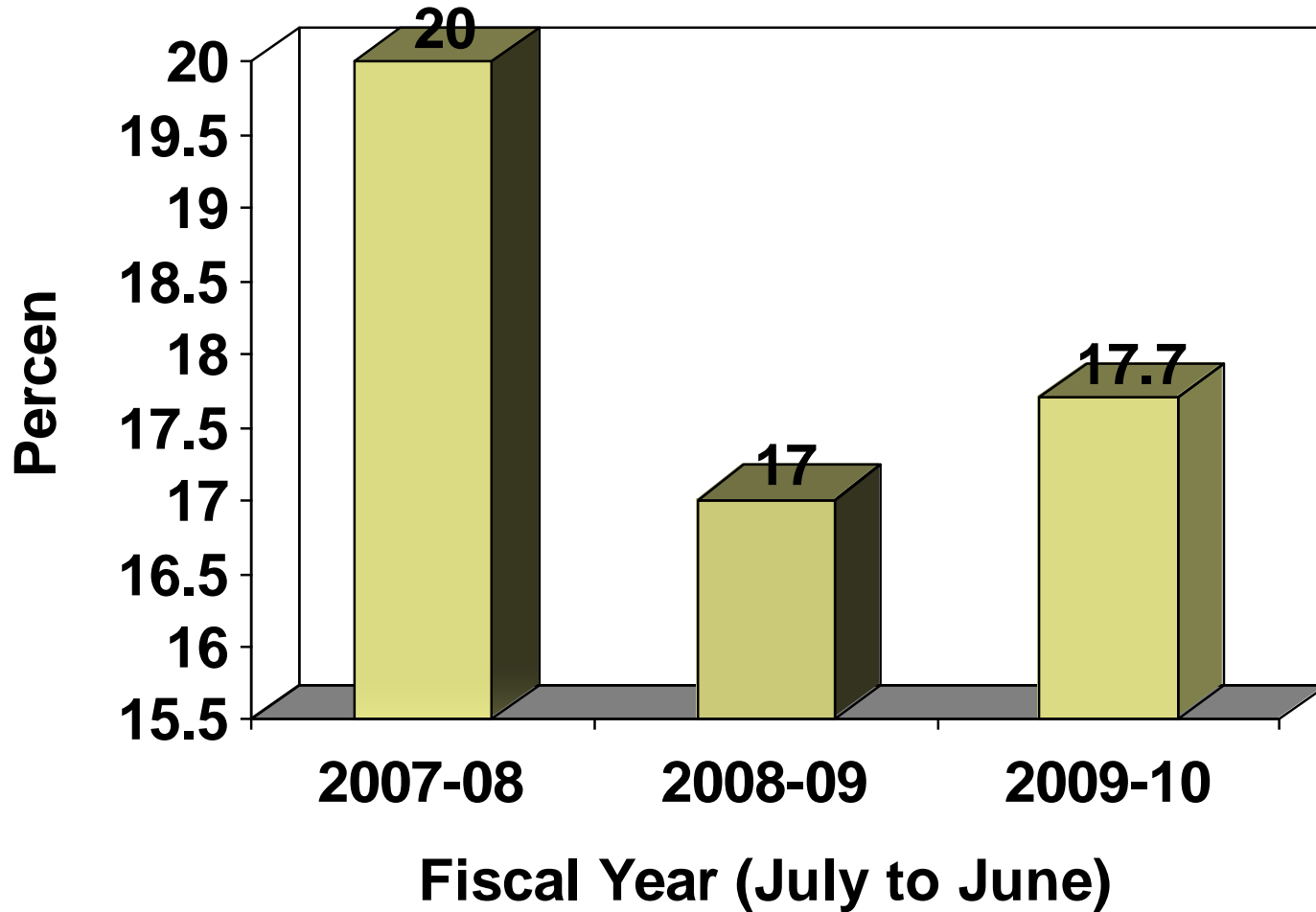


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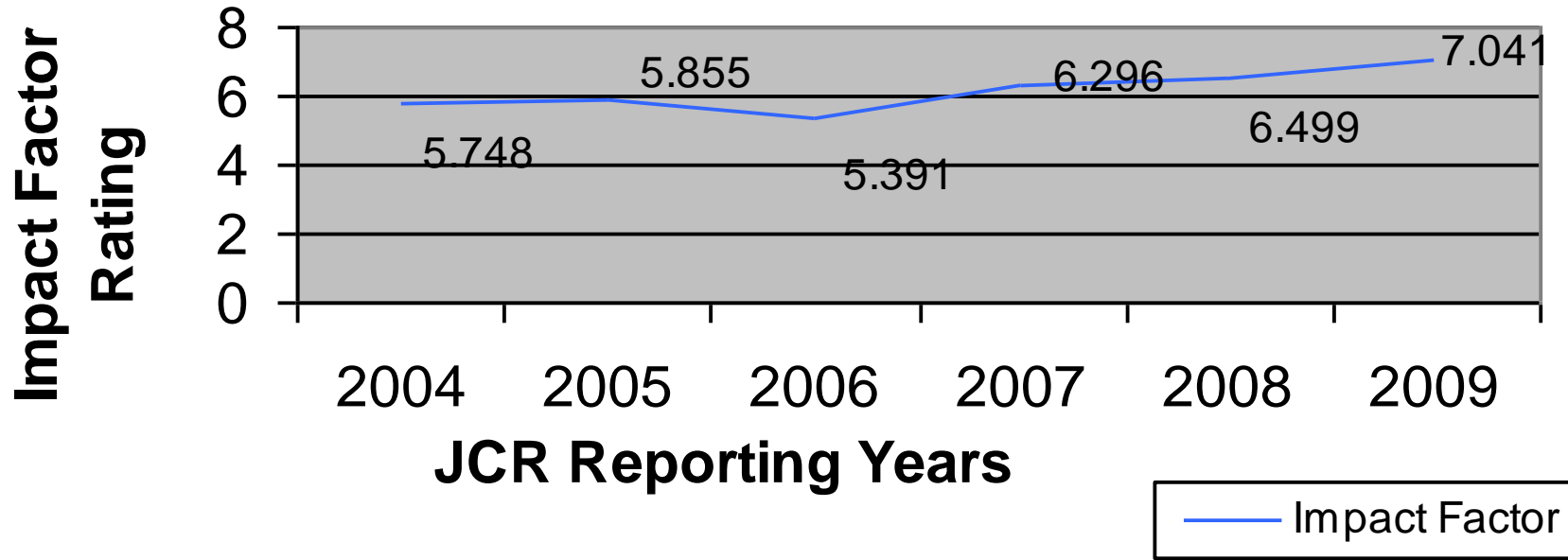


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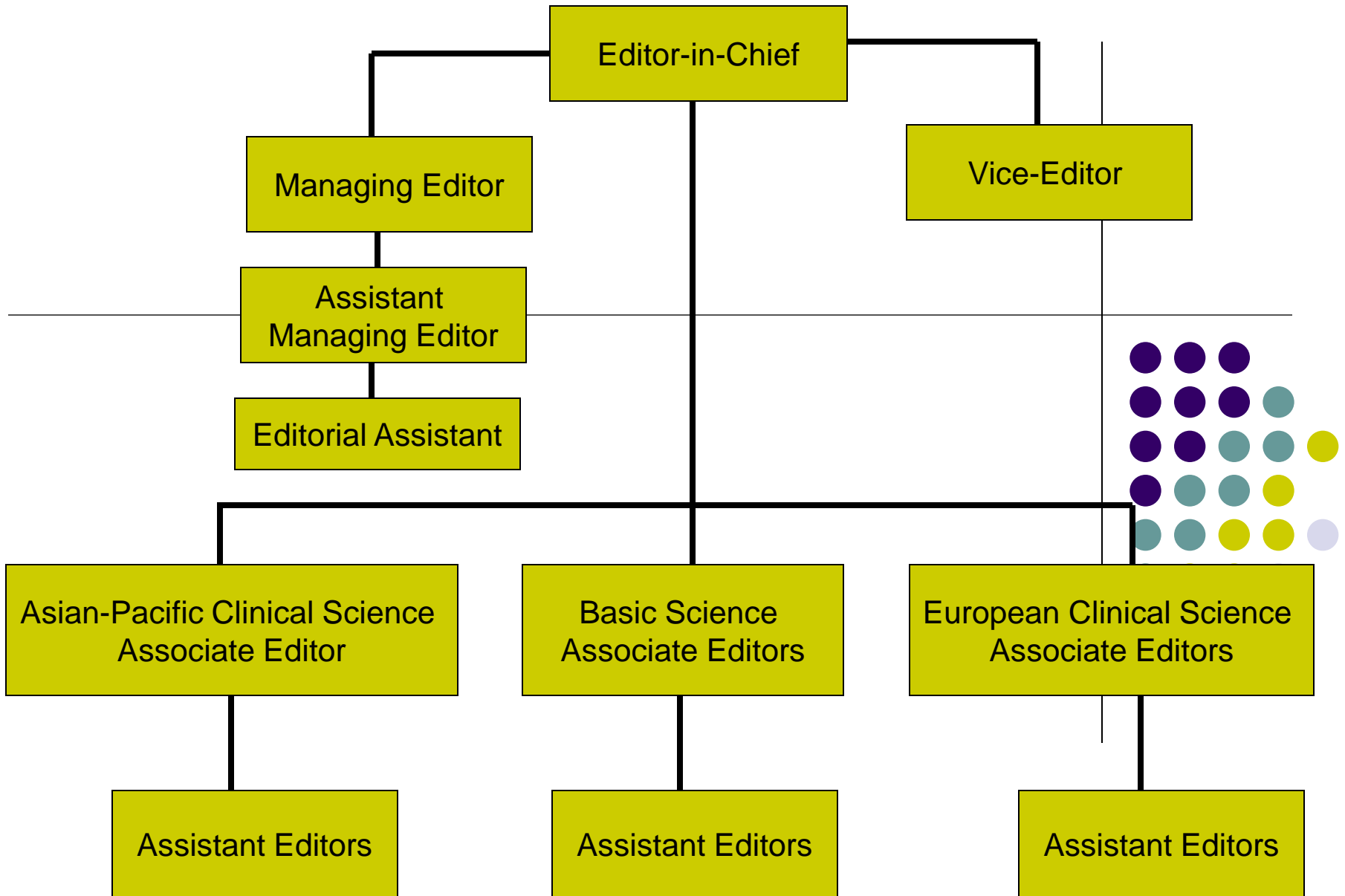


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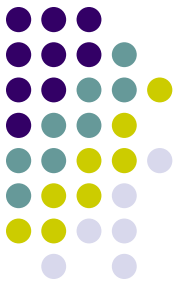
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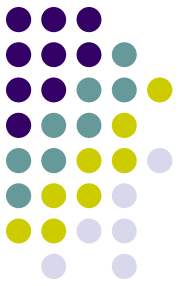


JOURNAL INNOVATIONS



- TRIAGE REVIEW OF SOME MANUSCRIPTS-PROMOTING RAPID MANUSCRIPT REVIEW
- INCREASED USE OF ONLINE DATA SUPPLEMENTS
- HIGHLIGHTS OF SELECTED ARTICLES
- BASIC SCIENCE ADVANCES FOR CLINICIANS-A NEW REVIEW ARTICLE CATEGORY
- AN INCREASED NUMBER OF INVITED TOPICAL REVIEWS-THE TARGET IS 2 PER ISSUE

SUBMITTING MANUSCRIPTS TO STROKE



- ARTICLE CATEGORIES
- MANUSCRIPT FORMATTING
- WHAT MUST BE INCLUDED
- COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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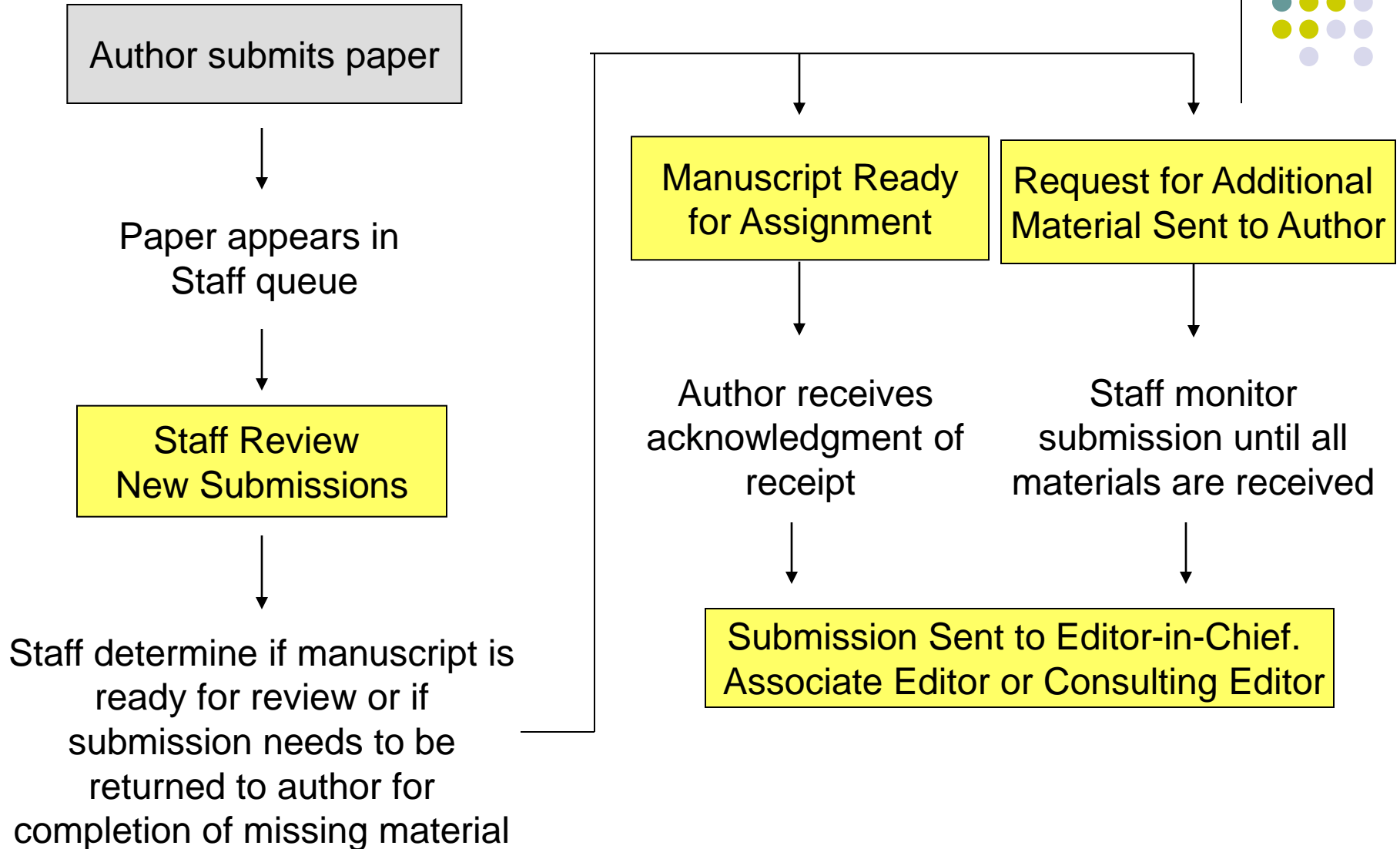
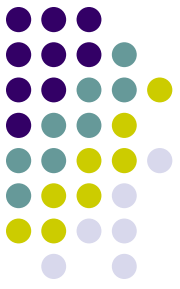
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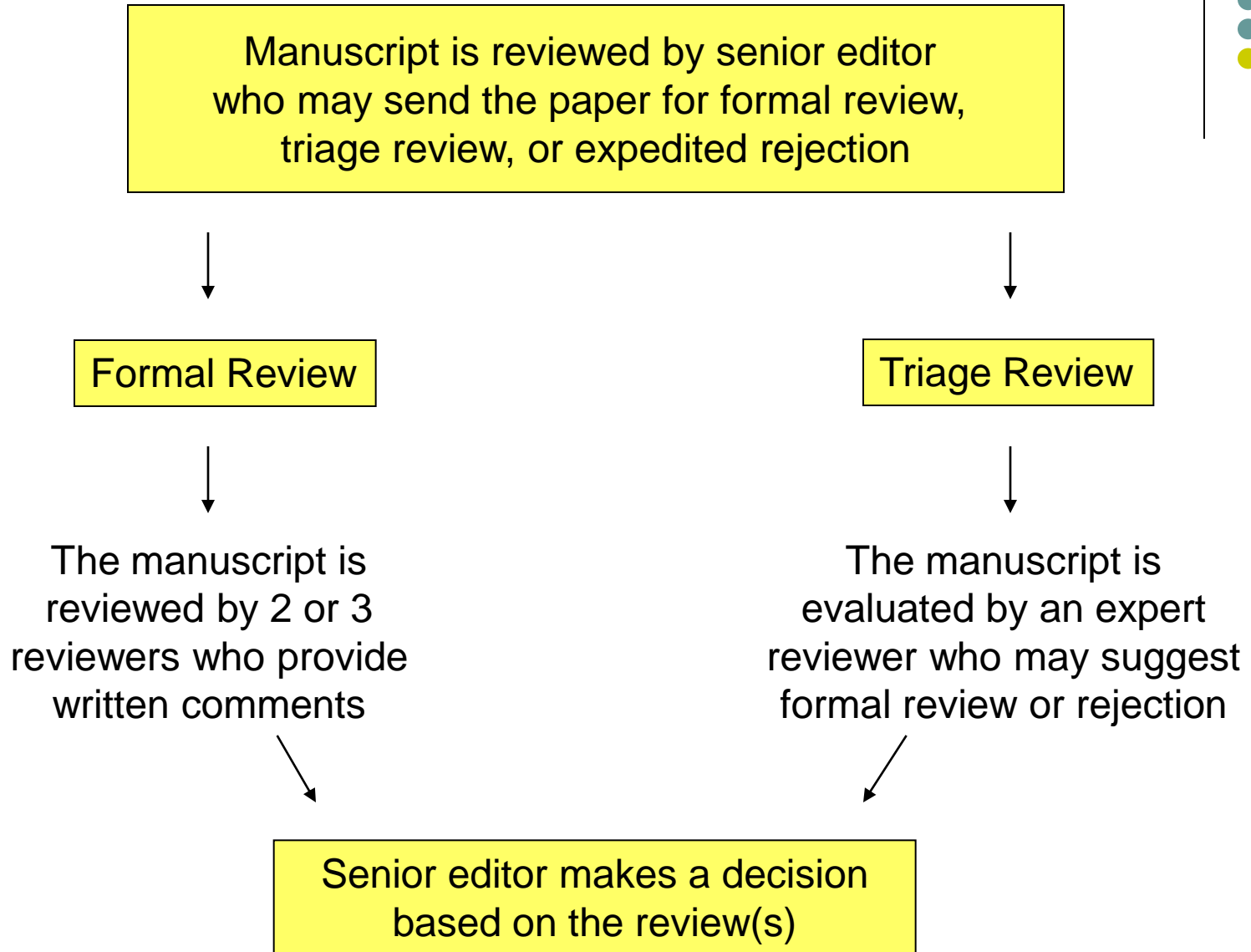
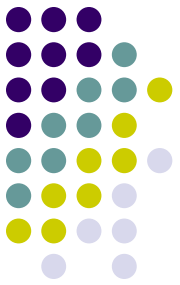
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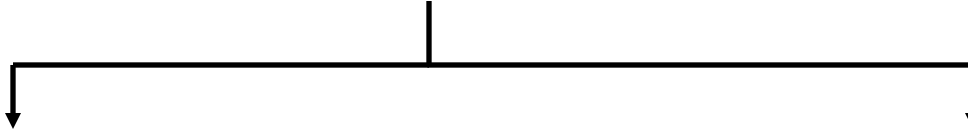
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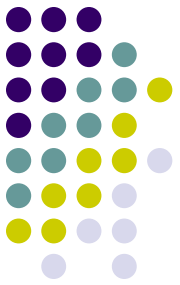
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- TRIAGE REVIEW
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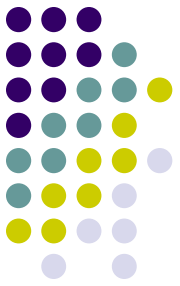
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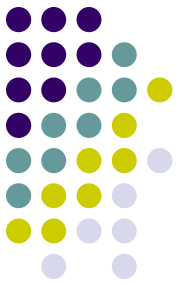
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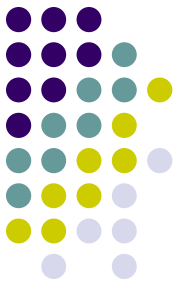
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- A GROUP OF ASSISTANT EDITORS PRIMARILY TO HELP WITH THE TRIAGE PROCESS
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