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## Peer Review Information and Acknowledgments

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This year 138 papers were submitted for review to the ACC Conference 2002. A call for peer reviewers resulted in 118 qualified people. This has been the most experienced and diverse team of peer reviewers for the ACC conference to date. The peer review volunteers came from various chiropractic colleges, national organizations, other health care institutions, and private practice, resulting in a team with a wide variety of specialties and experience.

Each paper was assigned to people with expertise in a given topic area and/or with unique critical appraisal skills. The papers were blinded and distributed so that no paper was sent from an author to a reviewer from the same institution and that the peer reviewers for a given paper came from different institutions.

Most peer reviewers critiqued 5 different papers and each paper was critiqued by a minimum of 3 different reviewers. The result was over 450 separate tally sheets and over 450 sheets of comments from reviewers. Based on the data from the tally sheets and the peer reviewer comments, decisions were made as to how to categorize the status of the proposals for the 2002 conference.

All first authors received a copy of their tally sheets and peer reviewers' comments regardless of the decision of acceptance to the conference. This feedback process is intended to encourage scholarship and to guide the authors as to how to improve the quality of their work.

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