How to Determine if a Journal is Peer Reviewed

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In the full-text html page of a journal article, click on the About this Journal link, which is usually near the top of the page. On the About this Journal screen capture below are several indicators:

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Nicotine & Tobacco Research is one of the world's few peer-reviewed journals devoted exclusively to the study of nicotine and tobacco.

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Along with manuscripts from each of the areas mentioned above, the editors encourage submissions that are integrative in nature and that cross traditional disciplinary boundaries.

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