

# Submitting to Journals

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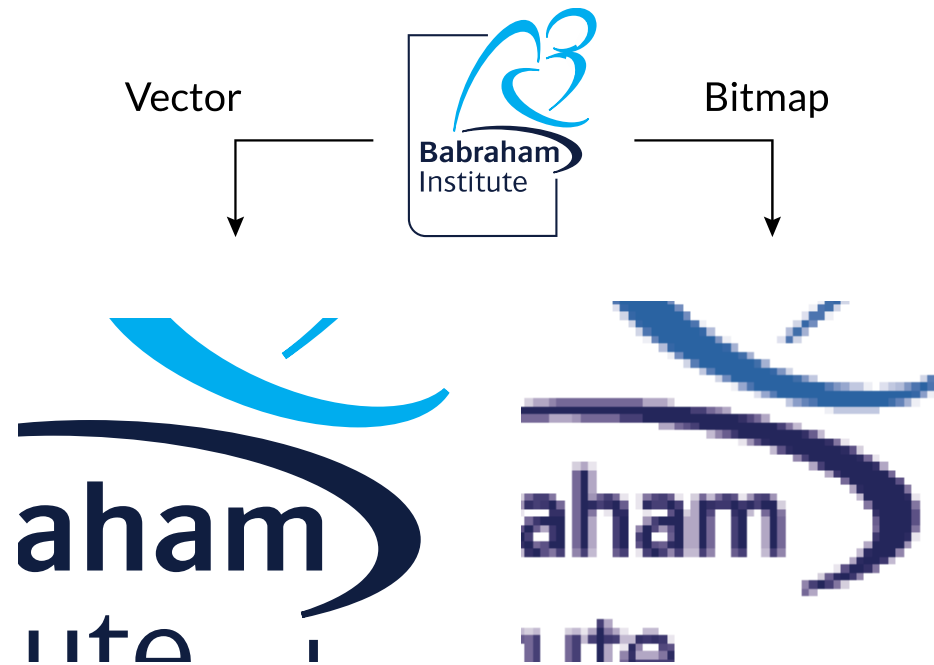


# Preparing for Submission

- Initially figures will be assessed by reviewer
- At this stage figures do not need to be print quality production
- Most reviewers will print figures out on a laser or inkjet printer on normal copy paper
- If accepted for publication, high quality figures will be required

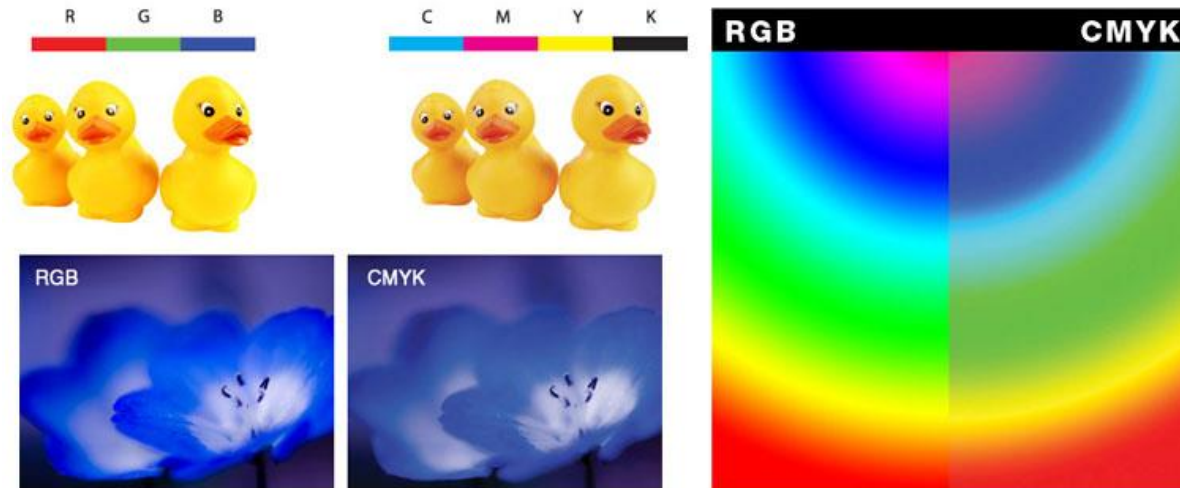
# Scaling Figures

- Vector images can be scaled freely without loss of quality
- Bitmap images can be scaled down, but not up



# Colour Space

- RGB colour - computers
- CMYK colour - print
- Check what your figures will look like printed out



# Basic Steps in Preparation

- Determine the final size of the figure
- Heights of text, thicknesses of lines
- Figure in colour, grayscale or black and white
- Resolution
- Acceptable File format
  - Choose the best one

# Journal Guidelines

- Most journals have guidelines for initial submission
- These differ so it's worth checking
  - **Nature**: JPEG, 150 dpi, included in the manuscript, fit to column width
  - **Science**: PDF, 150 – 300 dpi, included in manuscript, fit to A4 page
  - **BMC Biology**: Several, 300 dpi, separate from manuscript, fit to A4 page