HOW TO SUBMIT A PAPER

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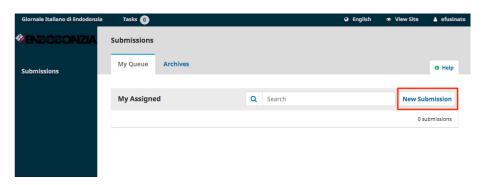
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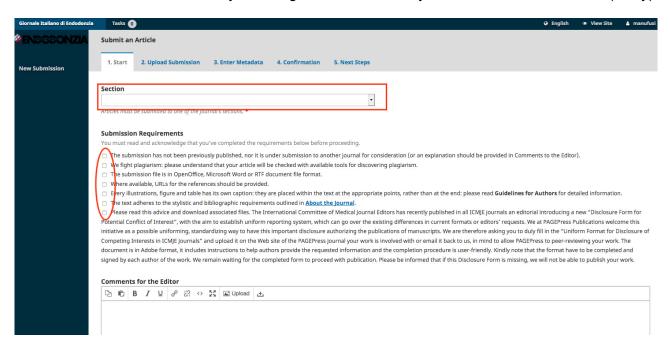
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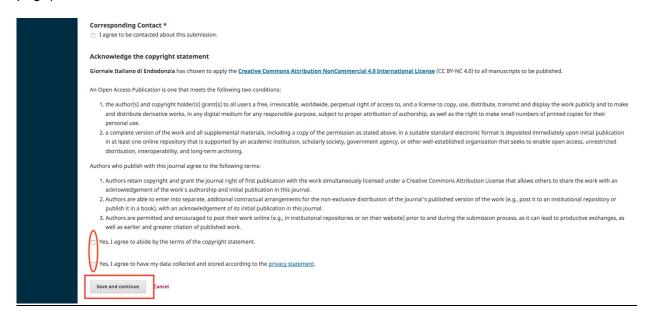
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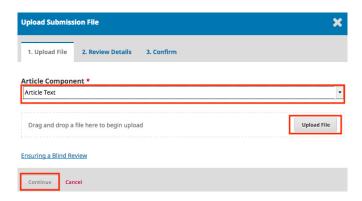


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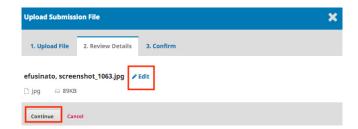


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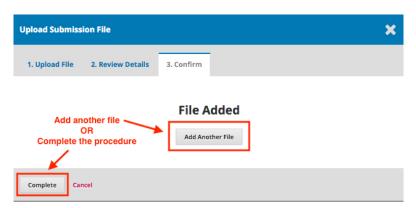
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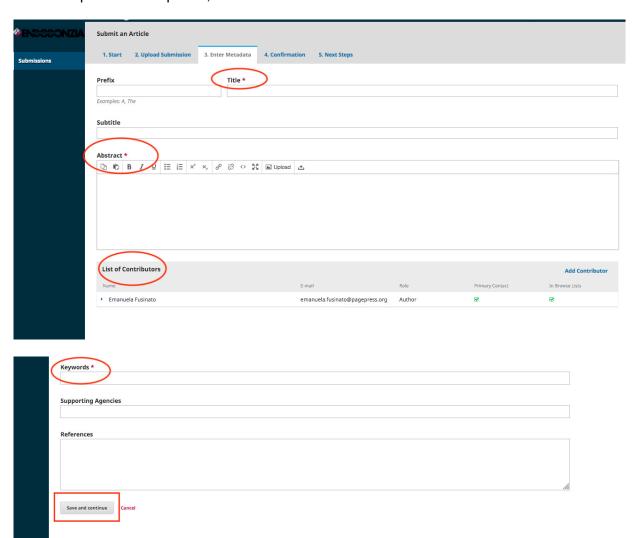


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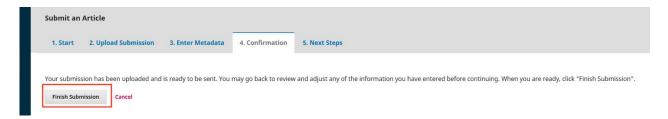


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Once this phase is completed, click Save and Continue to move forward.



On Step 4, you will be asked to confirm that you are happy with your submission. Click **Finish Submission**.



STEP 5

The procedure is complete and the editor has been notified of your submission. At this point, you can follow the links to:

- Review this submission
- Create a new submission
- Return to your dashboard

