Is it Scholarly & Peer-Reviewed?

Peer review is a publication process that ensures contributions made to the scholarly community are based on accurate, reliable, and original research findings and analysis:

1) Scholar(s) writes and submits article to an academic journal
2) The academic journal sends the research article to a panel of experts in the subject area or discipline
3) Experts review the article to ensure it is accurate, well-argued, and presents original research-based knowledge
4) Article is accepted for publication, returned to the author(s) for revisions, or rejected

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What is a Scholar?
A highly educated specialist who conducts research in a particular branch of study

What is Peer Review?
The process by which scholars critically evaluate each other's research article prior to publication in an academic journal.

What is a Periodical?
A type of publication produced as an open-ended series at regular intervals, or “periods,” such as daily, monthly, quarterly or annually

What is an Academic Journal?
A type of periodical that includes original research articles written by researchers and experts in a particular academic discipline, providing a forum for the production and critique of new and existing knowledge

What is a Research Article?
A formally written article that describes new knowledge or ideas based on original research, analysis and/or interpretation
Applying the Checklist to a Scholarly, Peer-Reviewed Article:

Appearance is plain and simple throughout, with minimal use of colour and no advertising

Title is lengthy and specific

Abstract describes the scope of the article using advanced language, describing the purpose and design of the research study

Authors are affiliated with a university

Presents an original research study with data and analysis of findings

Structured with sections and subheadings indicating an original research study:
- Abstract
- Purpose
- Methods & Procedures
- Results
- Analysis & Conclusion

Claims are supported by in-text citations within the article and a long reference list at the end