# Peer reviewed content from Wikiversity

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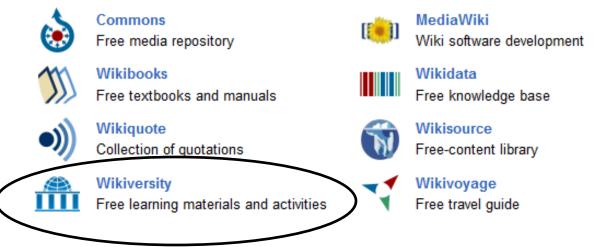
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- "In general, the most reliable sources are:
  - peer-reviewed journals

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- Wikipedia: Verifiability

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# But can a sister project be such a peer reviewed publication?



We'll take a look at Wikiversity









Wiktionary Dictionary and thesaurus

## Wikiversity:Original research

is the corresponding policy page in Wikiversity, and states that "Original research is permitted on Wikiversity"

### So

- It can be seen as a form of publication...
- But can it be peer reviewed?

## Peer review in Wikiversity

- I've recently been developing a system for external peer review in Wikiversity. The process goes like follows:
  - 1. The research of interest is performed
  - 2. The scientific text is added to a Wikiversity

• As an example of this, I'll show the first study to go through this project was a pilot study named "Average weight of a conventional teaspoon made of metal", which basically measured the weight of 19 teaspoons.

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### Average weight of a conventional teaspoon made of metal

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### Abstract

To estimate the average weight of a conventional teaspoon made of metal, 19 teaspoons were weighted, and the results were used to estimate an average weight of approximately 25 grams (confidence interval: 22 to 28 grams).

### Objective

To estimate the average weight of a conventional teaspoon made of metal.

### Method

19 teaspoons were gathered. The inclusion criterion was to be considered to be a conventional teaspoon made of metal by both the provider and author of the study. Teaspoons with handles partially made of plastic were also accepted. Each teaspoon was weighted with a digital scale of the model "AWS-100 Digital Pocket Scale". Specifics of individual teaspoons are given in table in the "results" section.

### Results

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1		(none)	Walmart (high price class)	45.6 g
2		Amefa Stainless Steel	Amazon.com	15.0 g
3		COOKS CLUB CHINA	household in Grand Rapids	26.9 g
4		Royal Norfolk 18/0 Stainless China	Family Dollar	26.5 g
5		Springtime STAINLESS JAPAN	household in Grand Rapids	39.4 g

### Next step

3. One or more peer reviewers are asked to perform a peer review of the work.

## Requirements

The peer reviewer should:

- have public contact information
- have the expertise in the subject to be able to analyze the work for quality assurance.
  - Teacher for simple study
  - Professor for more complex one
- not have conflicts of interests that could affect the judgment of the work.

### Peer review statement

### Should contain:

- A link to the page in Wikiversity
- A disclosure of conflicts of interests
- A statement of how well the peer reviewer considers the method and interpretation of the results to properly support the conclusion of the study.

### Peer review certification

We have performed a peer review of the study titled "Average weight of a conventional teaspoon made of metal", authored by Mikael Häggström, that was carried out in Uppsala, Sweden in 2012, and on display online at

https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Average weight of a conventional teaspoon made of metal

, as of <u>September 11, 2012</u>

We certify that:

### • Example:

- We have no relation to the author that would constitute any potential conflict of interest in issuing this certification.
- We find no reason to believe that the author has any conflict of interest in relation to this subject to the degree of significantly affecting the validity of the study.
- The method and interpretation of the results properly support the conclusion that conventional teaspoons made of metal weight, on average, approximately 25 grams, with a confidence interval of 22 to 28 grams.

We have also controlled the accurate weighting of the teaspoons by choosing three random teaspoons from the study and asking the author to present these to us, so that we could perform our own weight measurements on these items, and our results acceptably corresponded to those given in the study.

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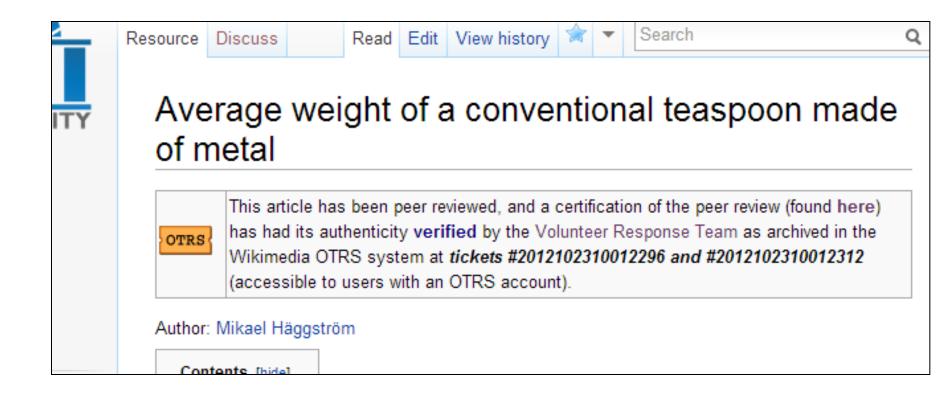
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### One more step if necessary:

### Peer review verification

A request is sent to a member of the Volunteer Response Team to verify the peer review statement by at least contacting the peer reviewer to ascertain that they approve the peer review statement as appearing online.



Result: A peer reviewed publication

### • This is how it looks like in Wikipedia:



cup of tea or coffee.

A high school project estimated the average weight of a conventional teaspoon made of metal to be approximately 25 grams.<sup>[1]</sup> Teaspoons with longer handles, such as iced tea spoons, are commonly used

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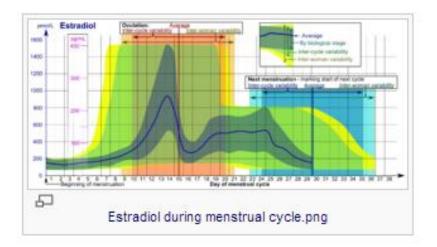
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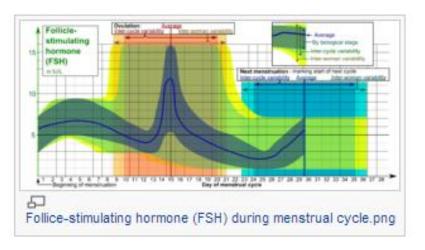
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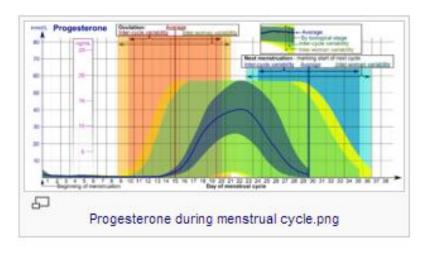
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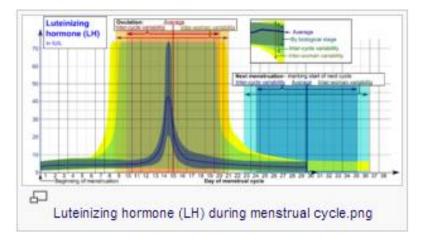
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• Now to another study that has gone through the process of peer review in Wikiversity:









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- Since 2011...

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# of original research (or original nthesis of existing research)

- Research text moved from image descriptions to Wikiversity
- Peer reviewed by Enago, offering peer review by PhD graduates for a fee

# Advantages over publishing in traditional academic journals

- There is not a journal for every subject (like teaspoons)
- Less hassle (lots of time for reference formatting, spelling errors in traditional journals.)
- Transparency (usually no public peer review statement in traditional journals)
- Target is Wikipedia generally thousands of article views per month, compared to probably ending up in archives.

# You can contribute with research!

- Find something to study
- Perform the study
- Write an article in Wikiversity
- Have it peer reviewed
- Make a short entry in Wikipedia

With proper quality assurance measures, it will certainly be for the better for the project.

## Questions?

- Process is described at Wikiversity:Wikiversity:Peer review
- You can contact me at <u>User talk:Mikael</u> <u>Häggström</u>