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The literature review, the grant proposal, *the submission deadline.*

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tools, organized
into six clear
workflows

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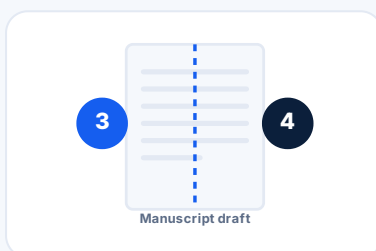
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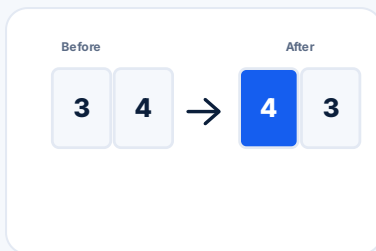
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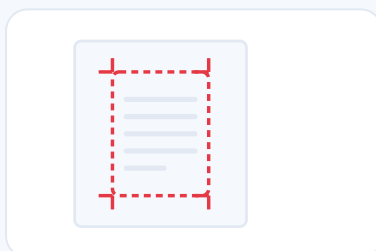
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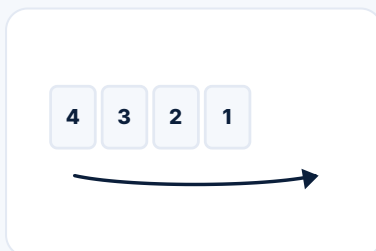
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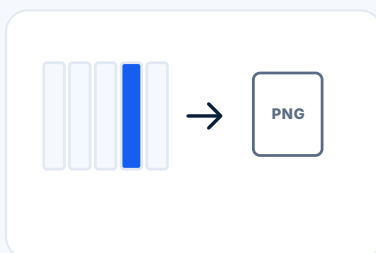
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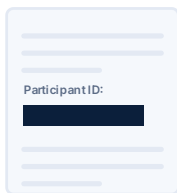
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Dr. Elena Marsh

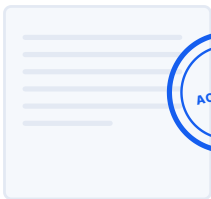
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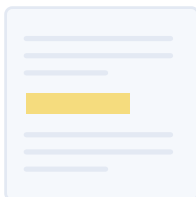
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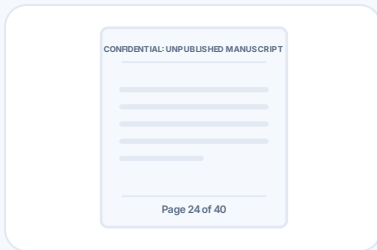


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the methods

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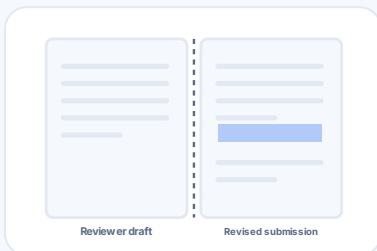
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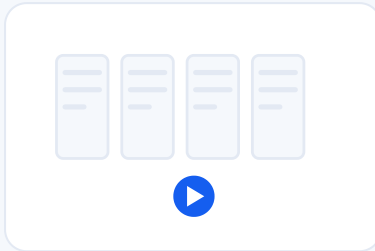
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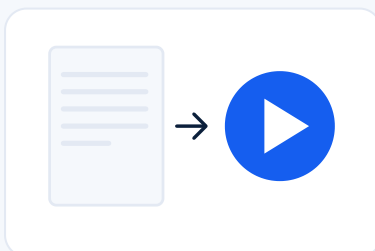
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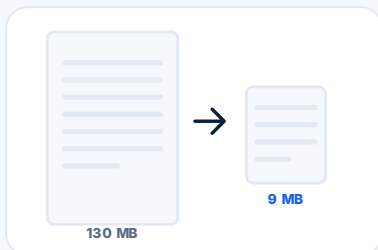
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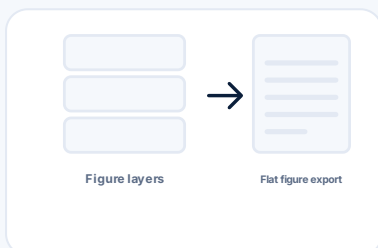
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