

# How long do I await the “awaiting EIC decision”?

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We submitted a paper to a journal roughly 3 months back, the paper remained under review for almost 2 months, after which upon enquiry to the AE, we received a reply that one review has been completed while the other is pending due to certain reasons. But, quickly after this, the status changed to “awaiting EIC decision” within 2 weeks and is stuck at that for 3 weeks. I have heard from my peers and other co-researchers and investigators, that the EIC decision should not be taking so long. Whether a long time at this status hints towards a negative outcome. And should we be writing to EIC enquiring about the status? if yes, what should be communicated and how?

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