Dove Medical Press Peer Review Process

Author submits manuscript and agrees to Dove Medical Press (DMP) Terms of Publication and Policies

Pre-screen checks made by DMP Editorial Staff

- Obtain independent contact details for co-authors
- Check for plagiarism with CrossCheck system
- Check all the files for completeness
- Check author IDs and affiliations
- Send Conflict of Interest forms to all authors
- Check the manuscript falls within the scope of the journal

DMP Editorial Staff identify suitable peer reviewers from DMP pool of peer reviewers, Editorial Board Members, and PubMed searches

DMP Consulting Editors assess the peer reviewers and conduct pre-review editorial checks

Peer review requests are sent to selected peer reviewers*

Peer reviewers are given 10 business days to return their report†

Dove Editorial Staff ensure that the referee reports are complete

The referee reports are forwarded to the Editor-in-Chief‡

Editor-in-Chief‡ makes the editorial decision on the manuscript

- Manuscript is accepted with no (further) revisions
- Manuscript is rejected and the author advised
- Manuscript is rejected but can be resubmitted after revisions

Average peer reviewer score higher than 6?

YES

- Manucript editing and production

NO

- Manuscript is rejected but can be resubmitted after revisions

Publisher reviews rationale for decision. Manuscript may be referred to Editorial Board Members or other Experts

Manuscript is rejected but can be resubmitted after revisions

- Revised manuscript is sent back to the peer reviewers for re-review

Revised manuscript and point-by-point response to the referees’ comments sent back to the Editor-in-Chief for subsequent editorial decision

Editor-in-Chief option

- Revised manuscript is sent to indexing services

- Article is sent to indexing services

- Article is published online

- Average peer reviewer score higher than 6?

*Peer reviewers are identified and invited until at least two referees agree to peer review the manuscript
†Peer reviewers provide a numerical score (1 = highly acceptable, 9 = highly unacceptable) and a narrative evaluation in their report
‡Editor-in-Chief, or Associate Editor, depending on who is making the editorial decision. The decision maker is listed online with the published article