Dove Medial Press Peer Review Process

Author submits manuscript and agrees to Dove Medical Press (DMP) Terms of Publication and Policies. Link to Conflict of Interest Disclosure sent to all authors.

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Reviewer Selection Editors identify peer reviewers in the same field of research from DMP pool of volunteer peer reviewers, Editorial Board Members, and PubMed searches.

*Peer review invitations are sent. A minimum of two accepted reviewers are required to assist the Editor-in-Chief / Associate Editors to make the editorial decision.

Peer reviewers are given 10 days to return their review report.

DMP Editorial team check the review comments are completed.

Peer review comments are sent to the Editor-in-Chief.

Editor-in-Chief makes first editorial decision.

Manuscript is accepted with no (further) revisions

Manuscript is rejected and the author advised

Average peer reviewer score higher than 6?

YES

APC invoicing, manuscript editing and production

Article is published online

Article is sent to indexing services

NO

Editor-in-Chief advises that the paper requires some changes or clarifications. Authors to make revisions and resubmit.

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

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*Peer reviewers are identified and invited until at least two reviewers agree to peer review the manuscript.

†Peer reviewers provide a numerical score (1 = highly acceptable, 9 = highly unacceptable) and a narrative that provides an objective critical evaluation on the technical aspects of the paper.

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