

Frequently asked Questions for Peer Reviewers:

- Q. If I accidentally decline instead of accepting what do I do?
If you accidentally decline but do wish to review the manuscript, please email DMP and we will be able to change this for you.
- Q. How long do I have to accept/decline your invitation?
A. One week (We send two reminders after the initial invitation, if you do not respond to any of these emails, your invitation will be automatically closed).
- Q. I have clicked on the link but I cannot see the manuscript.
A. It may be that your invitation has closed if you have not replied in due time (see question above). Please contact Dove Medical Press (DMP) if you have any difficulties opening the link.
- Q. I am unable to review, but I would like to recommend a colleague?
A. Please email us their name, email address, and affiliation, if they meet the criteria, we will be able to send them an invitation.
- Q. Can I review the manuscript as I am a medical student?
A. If you are an expert in the field of study of the manuscript, you are eligible as long as you have been sent an invitation
- Q. Do I need a password?
A. No, you do not require a password. You should be able to access the manuscript by clicking on the link provided in the invitation email.
- Q. How long do I have to complete my review?
A. Reviewers are given 10 days to complete the review.
- Q. I do not have time to complete the entire form, can I still review?
In order to process papers as thoroughly, fairly and rapidly as possible we ask the reviewer to complete the entire evaluation form. If you are unable to do so please decline the invitation to review
- Q. Why is there a 300 character minimum in the evaluation part of the review form?
A. The evaluation is a summary of your critique of the manuscript, a 300 character minimum is to ensure that our authors receive a comprehensive evaluation for their manuscript.
- Q. Can I send an annotated copy of the manuscript for my review?
A. No, peer review comments can only be accepted via our Peer Review evaluation form, as this includes questions specific to the journal requirements. We are unable to accept downloaded manuscript files that you have annotated or modified in any way.
- Q. Can I submit the review in another language besides English?
A. DMP only accepts reviews in English.
- Q. I have completed the review, but I have not received my certificate yet, what do I do?
A. We do try to send out the certificates to the reviewers as quickly as possible, but if you haven't received yours please email us and we will send this to you.

- Q I want to involve my junior colleague in my review of a paper. Is this allowed?
- A. Information regarding the identity of the authors and the content of the manuscript is confidential. Before you accept the review please contact us directly, you will need to supply your colleagues full name and affiliation. Under no circumstances should you share this review with your colleagues, until you have received confirmation from us. Only one certificate is issued per review and this is assigned to the reviewer who received the invitation to review.
- Q Can the authors see my name?
- A. All manuscripts submitted to DMP journals are subject to single blind peer review. Peer Review is anonymous, the authors do not see who reviewed their manuscript.
- Q. Can I ask the authors a question?
- A. DMP requires that peer reviewers do not contact authors directly.
- Q. Can I ask the Editor in Chief a question?
- A. Any comments added to the Confidential comments will only be seen by the Editor in Chief.
- Q. Can I see the other reviewers' comments?
- A. DMP does not permit reviewers to see other reviewers' comments, this ensures that the reviewers' feedback is not in any way influenced.
- Q. Can I get paid for being a reviewer?
- A. Peer Review is voluntary. It is not a DMP policy to pay for this service
- Q. Is DMP part of Publons? Can I receive my Reviewers Certificate in a different format to add to Publons?
- A. DMP have not engaged with Publons to date as we do not want to compromise our single-blind review policy. At this stage we do not provide the certificate in another format.
- Q. How are Peer Reviewers selected?
- A. Our Review Selection Editors search, and invite reviewers that are in the same area of medicine and science as the author.
- Q. How do I find out if the paper that I have reviewed has been published?
- A. Reviewers can log into their DMP account and select email alerts for a specific journal. Once the manuscript you have reviewed has been published you will receive an email.