

Roles and Responsibilities of WebmedCentral (WMC) Editors

WMC editors will be leading scientists and clinicians who will be the brand ambassadors for WMC and their speciality. They will ensure that the speciality is managed effectively by ensuring reviews on all articles, communicating with users as needed and directing the debate in their speciality. They will ensure this by predominantly reviewing submitted research articles in their area of interest.

WMC editors will also communicate with our advisory board and advise WMC management on various scientific and policy matters concerning the portal. They will be expected to familiarise themselves with our functionalities, believe in the concept of post publication peer review, and be supportive of open access. They will ensure that WebmedCentral continues to be an open and transparent communication tool for biomedical scientists across the globe and keeps pace with the changing needs of science and scientists.

WebmedCentral will, in turn, publicly acknowledge their contribution on our portal. They will also be able to recommend suitable scientists to join our editorial board.

The appointment of WMC editors will be typically for duration of three years. The period may be extended further or terminated at the sole discretion of the WebmedCentral management.

WMC Editors, Publication and Review policy

Each WMC speciality will have a certain number of editors proportional to the number of research article submissions. There is no upper limit to the number of editors in a particular speciality. An editor may be part of more than one speciality editorial team.

Publication policy

We publish a range of articles without any prepublication peer review in virtually every biomedical discipline. We aim to publish all articles within 48 hours of submission. There is a rapid in house checking process to ensure that all but the clearly irrelevant and unscientific work is published within 48 hours of submission.

The contents posted on WebmedCentral do not undergo any prepublication peer review and hence it is the responsibility of the author posting the information to ensure not only the scientific and ethical standards but also check it for grammatical and typing errors.

In line with our policy, the editors will not have the right to edit, delete or unpublish any articles.

Peer review policy

The peer review process begins immediately after publication of the article. We endeavour to ensure that all articles are reviewed by at least two editors. Authors choose potential reviewers from amongst the WMC Editorial board. We also encourage authors to invite other reviewers to generate a wider debate around their work.

We ask our editors to judge the scientific value of the submitted article by selecting one of three statuses: Suitable for indexing (similar to 'suitable for publication' or minor revisions in the traditional pre- publication peer reviewed model), Suitable for indexing with major revisions' (similar to suitable for publication with major revisions in the traditional model) or Not suitable for indexing (similar to 'reject' in the traditional model). We also request our editors to provide a detailed review to support their conclusion.

Articles that have attracted satisfactory ratings ('suitable for indexing') from two reviewers automatically move to 'WebmedCentral Peer Reviewed' category. We hope that these articles will be indexed by appropriate bodies in near future.

Our peer review process is entirely transparent with all reviews being freely available on our portal for the readers. Reviewers can however choose to stay anonymous if they wish.

Authors can respond to the reviews using authors' comment section and the readers would have full access to the entire communiqué. Our intention is to generate a healthy debate on each published work. We encourage authors to submit revised versions of articles with additional information to satisfy queries raised.

Role of Editors in our peer review policy

The editors will provide the all important quality control to the post publication peer review process. We need your support to ensure that reviews are done promptly. We also need you to keep your profile upto date and ensure your profile contain keywords relevant to your area of expertise. This will help our authors in choosing the right editors for their articles.

You would receive an automated email if an author has requested a review from you. You would be able to access the reviews requested from your editor admin panel too.

We will request the authors to submit a revised version if you request major modifications (Suitable for indexing with major revisions). The revised version will need your approval (or otherwise) before moving to WMC peer reviewed category.