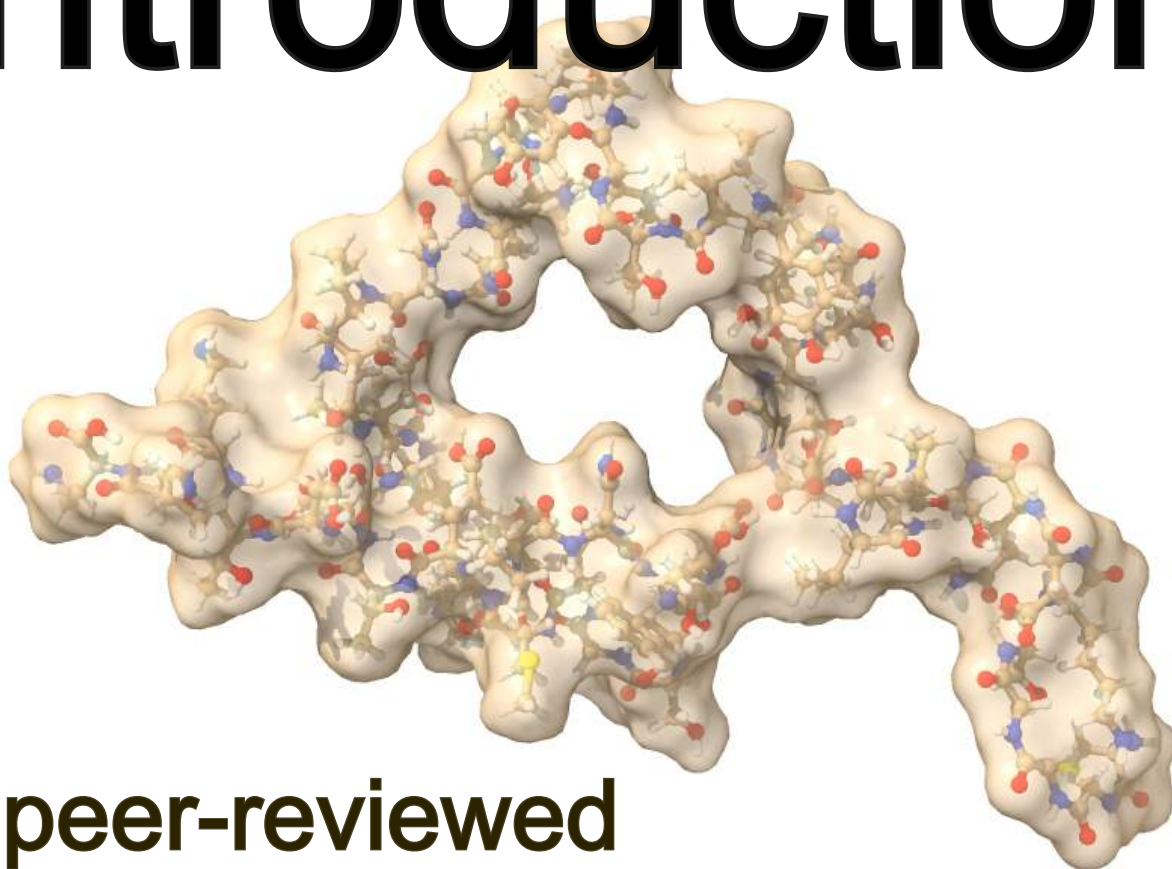


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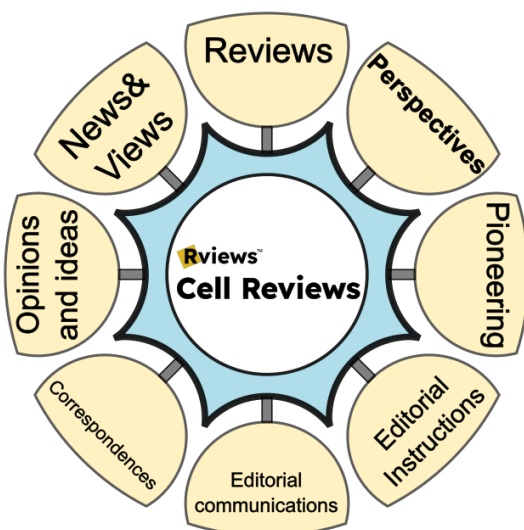
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## Missions and vision of Rviews Press

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**Rviews Press (Marseille, France) aims at proposing Open Access journals in life science and science promoting rigor, transparency and equity in scholarly publishing. We aim to foster efficient collaborations in science between institutional and independent researchers. Here is the formal declaration of the missions and values of Rviews Press.**

**Keywords:** Missions, vision, values, press, publishing, edition

## Generality on Rviews Press

### Big issues facing science and publishing activities

The future progress of humanity and the healing of our planet depend on the development of scientific discoveries, rethinking and discussing the gathered data to envision new applications, and the culture of actual knowledge promotion every time and everywhere. This is a matter for everybody who received some scientific education. Millions of scientists and researchers around the world are left out the rigorous scientific publishing and discussions due to several factors including but not limited to the general business model of the publishing industry, lack of revenues of the authors, absence of strong scientific education and lack of guidance in improving research materials,

inequity between researchers from developed, developing and poor countries, exclusion of non-institutional independent researchers and lack of transparency in the editorial process. In addition, the current roles of the players in the editorial process including that of peer-reviewers are often miss-recognized with total lack of responsibility of some editorial offices. To address this issue and promote a world with high standards of scientific education of the public, everybody with adequate knowledge should be involved in and contribute to the level of their capacity in a fair and transparent manner.

### Foundation and commitment of Rviews Press

Thus, Rviews Press was founded to contribute to the efforts of promoting new models of publishing, new manner of scientific communication and

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promotion of efficient public knowledge acquisition. As indicated by the name “Rviews”, it is about “Reviewing” and “Revisiting” the publishing and science development system. Also “R” is suited for Research, Renewed, Revisited, Responsible or Rigorous, “views” for visions for the future of scientific research and discovery reporting.

Rviews Press aims at addressing several problems identified in the current scholarly publishing system and exposed above to allow the involvement of all, inspire the future scientific development and empower the general public with tools and skills to understand as well as contribute to scientific knowledge acquisition.

Rviews Press is committed to a new vision of high standards in scientific publications, promoting a rigorous, responsible, transparent, equitable and fair publishing experience for all scientists around the world including institutional and independent researchers. This might be through improving the evaluation, discussion and communication of discoveries toward a responsible implication of the reviewers and the editors, a total free access to the published materials and the promotion of the scientific education of the general public.

## Vision of Rviews Press

The core of our vision is to foster high standard research that is not based on biased paradigms such as publish-or-perish, impact factor glory or unproved authoritative claims. We are convinced that all those biases are counterproductive and constitute part of the biggest challenges we are facing for efficient scientific progress and education. Rviews Press aims to render the high quality-publishing accessible to all scientists no-matter the country of origine, the income or presumable prestige including institutional and independent researchers.

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## Guidance for editors and reviewers for Cell Reviews (Marseille, France)

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**Scholarly publishing in life science requires implications of internal and external experts in the evaluation and improvement of articles. This role is mainly played by the editorial s and peer-reviewers. Here are proposed some guidance for a consistent and objective reviewing of the manuscript submitted for publication in Cell Reviews.**

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### Role definition in editorial process

#### Editors and advisors

Cell Reviews (Marseille, France) relies on the objectivity and rigor of editorial team members including external editorial advisors. The editorial process of the manuscripts is ensured by at least one internal editor of Rviews Press depending on the availability of the editors. The roles in the editorial team are defined following the recommendations of the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) and Public Knowledge Project (PKP)<sup>1,2</sup>.

#### *Editor-in-Chief*

The Editor-in-Chief defines, coordinates and ensures the editorial process of article publication in Cell Reviews according to the journal editorial line and in agreement with the missions and vision of Rviews Press. The editor-in-chief is appointed and evaluated by Rviews Press. The editor-in-chief is responsible for building the editorial team by inviting external experts to join the editorial advisory board and may be assisted managing and section editors in agreement with Rviews Press. The editor-in-chief can assume all roles and responsibilities in the editorial team as needed and according to the availability of assisting editors.

The editor-in-chief ensures that:



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- The journal strategy is continuously reviewed and redefined to improve the editorial process.
- The external experts are qualified and diverse for playing consistent advisory or reviewer roles.
- The promotion of Cell Reviews is effective and directed to authors and readers.
- Editorial advisors and reviewers get adequate recognition and credit of their contribution in the editorial process and article improvement.
- All submitted manuscripts are equally considered and evaluated through a transparent and fair manner in line with the journal policies
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- Outlooking the daily operations
- Serving as intermediate between authors, editors and reviewers
- Making reports to the editor-in-chief about everything related to the journal
- Supervising the assignment of manuscripts to handling editors
- Ensuring decision delivery on schedule
- Improving the fluidity of editorial operation. If needed, survey and necessary actions can be used.
- Proposing names for joining the section editorial board, advisory board and reviewer board.

As for the editor-in-chief, the managing editor role in Cell Reviews can be played by individuals with the necessary qualifications and suggested by the editor-in-chief to Rviews Press for appreciation. The appointment of the managing editor is finally decided by the editor-in-chief in agreement with the mission and vision of Rviews Press.

## Section editor

The section editor in Cell Reviews ensures the handling of submissions, their editorial evaluation, peer reviewing and decides on the acceptance or revision of the manuscript. They report to the editor-in-chief and ensure that all necessary actions are taken for the copy-editing of articles. The section editor and the editor-in-chief decide on the interest of a manuscript for the editorial line of Cell Reviews, acceptance or rejection of an article.

The roles of section editor are further defined in agreement with the editor-in-chief and include but are not limited to:

- Serving as the main handler of submissions
- Ensuring the progression of manuscript on schedule during the editorial process
- Choosing the qualified reviewers either from the reviewer board or external reviewer
- Proposing thematic or special issues of the journal

The role of editor-in-chief of Cell Review can be assumed by individuals qualified by Rviews Press as holding all the necessary qualifications for getting the journal to a higher level according to the journal objectives and the mission and vision of Rviews Press.

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The roles of managing editor include but are not limited to:

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- Making decisions during the editorial evaluation and after peer review.
- Reporting special situations of the authors to the editor-in-chief for consideration regarding their finance, position, conflict of interest, ethical concerns etc...

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The role of the editorial advisor is further defined by the editor-in-chief and include but is not limited to:

- Advising on manuscripts, issues, editorial lines, reviewing and other part of the editorial process
- Make proposal aiming at supporting the effort and objectives of Cell Reviews and Rviews Press

- participate in the evaluation of article during editorial process

The editorial advisors are qualified experts in the fields of life science as appreciated by the editor-in-chief and Rviews Press. They are suggested by section editors or the editor-in-chief to Rviews Press for appreciation and approval. The editorial advisors are named by Rviews Press.

## External peer reviewer

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The roles of the peer reviewers are precisely defined by the soliciting section editor and include but are not limited to:

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- Provide clear comments and feedback on the quality, timeliness and relevance of articles
- Communicate its appreciation in the form of a report in English
- Promote the novelty or discuss the limitation of an evaluated manuscript

The peer reviewers are qualified external scientists (early or advanced in career, institutional or independent) with strong attention to detail, knowledge in fields of life science and the current technical and research trends, experience in reviewing scientific manuscripts, written communication skills and capability of punctuality and



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In principle a minimum of **two** reviewer endorsements including that of the handling editor is required for formal acceptance in-principle of a manuscript.

Below are outlined some guidance for helping the reviewer during the peer review process.

## No conflict of interest

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The reviewer can suggest to the editor a colleague or collaborator because of expertise, availability or opportunity of leaning (e.g. a student looking for experience in manuscript evaluation). But the reviewer should not directly share with anybody including but not limited to students under her/his supervision, colleagues or collaborators. In addition, should not use the data of the reviewed manuscript for their own purposes unless they are officially asked by the editor to contribute a News&Views article to be published with the reviewed manuscript. If accepted and published, the data and article distributed by Cell Reviews in Open Access under the CC BY<sup>3</sup> license can be used by anyone including the authors, editors and reviewers.

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proof of the interest of *Cell Reviews* for the subject and the manuscript.

The aim of the reviewing process is to highlight the strengths and weaknesses of the manuscript in order to help the editor and the author to understand what is accomplished and what is needed to be addressed for proposing an article of the highest quality and ethical standards for publication. The participation of reviewers is highly appreciated in this constructive improvement and development of an impactful publication.

Therefore, we ask that the reviewer be objective, impartial and rigorous during the evaluation process and be courteous in their report. Indeed, we are all supporting the same goal: improve communication of scientific discoveries as well as the published contents. We are all learning to do better. Courtesy and kindness are advised common sense for the conduct of authors, editors and reviewers.

## Reporting the review

The review report consists of different parts including but not limited to:

- The summary of the understanding of the reviewer about the manuscript. This is only fact report (no appreciation of the reviewer). This can include few bullets point to highlight.
- The general comment of the manuscript
- The strength and weaknesses of the manuscript
- The timeliness in current context in the field
- Comment on specific points that the reviewers to emphasize
- Major concern and suggestion of improvement
- Minor concerns and suggestions of improvement
- Necessity of editorial scientific copyediting, artwork editing and correction for English

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- Quality appreciation relative to high ranked publications in the field
- Quality appreciation relative to common quality standard in the field
- the supporting published data or references
- impact on technical advances
- impact on technological developments
- impact on the knowledge application in science and clinic
- impact on human progress
- scientific relevance
- technical relevance
- Relevance of the used statistics
- Ethical compliance
- Readiness for immediate publication
- Readiness for publication after minor revision
- Readiness for publication after major revision

The reviewer may provide a numeric estimate of appreciation to these points: 1: Very strong, 2: strong, 3: satisfactory, 4: somewhat satisfactory and 5: Poor

The reviewer is advised to make suggestions to improve the manuscript in that specific aspect towards the highest level of appreciation.

This is the basis for making a relevant and effective reporting of the manuscript reviewing. The report can be filled in the platform of *Cell Reviews* or a document with the reviewer comments can be uploaded. The numeric appreciations should be filled in the reviewer space of our platform or through a confidential link provided by the editor after acceptance for review.

The reviewer is kept in loop and informed about the decision on the manuscript and eventual submission of a revised version if he agreed to consider the evaluation of revisions. If accepted, it will

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## Declaration of the policies of Cell Reviews (Marseille, France) journal

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## Policies of Cell Reviews

### Aim and scope

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repurposing of matters in scientific knowledge development.

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- Editorial initial decision: 6 days





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This document declares the policies governing the editorial process of *Cell Reviews* (Marseille, France) journal. This is in agreement with the mission and vision of Rviews Press.

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