QUALITY PEER REVIEW IS ESSENTIAL FOR SCHOLARLY PUBLISHING

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Independent and unbiased evaluation is one the major determinants of scholarly publications. It is not only useful for journal editors to generate a robust decision on the submitted work, but also an opportunity for authors to improve their manuscripts in line with reviewer comments and recommendations [1]. Therefore, quality peer-review is essential for quality journal articles.

To ensure the quality peer-review, some standards should be applied and maintained throughout the whole process. It is of value to select reviewers based on their expertise and manuscripts' topics. During the peer-review, formal, polite, and ethical writing are essential. An objective, instructional, and informative peer-review would be of benefit for editorial decision-making and manuscript revisions [2]. The Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic has impaired scientific editing and peer-review procedures. Busy clinicians are now mostly unavailable as reviewers [3]. Extra efforts by journal editors are warranted to ensure quality peer-review.

There are some critical shortcomings of peer-review. It can be manipulated and subjected to biased and unfair evaluations. The disadvantages vary depending on manuscript evaluation models. With single-blind peer-review model, reviewers' access to author profiles may result in biased and subjective evaluations. With open (public) peer-review model, potential peer-reviewers who hesitate disclosing their names and affiliations may decline reviewer invitations [4].

Despite some limitations, peer-review is one of the main drivers of scientific editing and publishing. The quality peer-review is still essential for scholarly publishing. Editors and reviewers have responsibilities to ensure the functionality and quality of peer-review [5]. Let’s improve peer-review practices together!

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