Working together to maximize efficiency during the COVID-19 pandemic

A cross-publisher initiative

#C19RapidReview

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This cross-publisher collaboration endorsed by the Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association (OASPA) aims to ensure research related to COVID-19 is reviewed and published as quickly as possible.

We have come together across the open publishing industry to support academics; peer reviewers, editors and authors, and to ensure the widest and quickest dissemination of relevant quality content.

To this end, we encourage academics to sign up to a reviewer database. Please, consider signing up as a rapid reviewer by filling in this form.

We also encourage authors to use preprint servers and call on other publishers to action with a focus on open data.

Read the formal Letter of Intent for more information and help us spread the word on social media using #C19RapidReview.
List of organizations and journal titles participating in the #C19RapidReview initiative

**Royal Society**
- Proceedings A
- Proceedings B
- Open Biology
- Biology Letters
- Interface
- Royal Society Open Science

**Hindawi**
- Advances in Public Health
- Analytical Cellular Pathology
- BioMed Research International
- Canadian Journal of Infectious Diseases and Medical Microbiology
- Canadian Respiratory Journal
- Cardiology Research and Practice
- Case Reports in Critical Care
- Case Reports in Emergency Medicine
- Case Reports in Immunology
- Case Reports in Infectious Diseases
- Case Reports in Medicine
- Case Reports in Otolaryngology
- Case Reports in Pulmonology
- Complexity
- Computational and Mathematical Methods in Medicine
- Contrast Media & Molecular Imaging
- Critical Care Research and Practice
- Discrete Dynamics in Nature and Society
- Disease Markers
- Emergency Medicine International
- International Journal of Microbiology
- International Journal of Nephrology
- Journal of Diabetes Research
- Journal of Environmental and Public Health
Ubiquity Press
Global Heart
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PREreview is an open project fiscally sponsored by the non-profit organization Code for Science & Society. PREreview’s mission is to increase diversity in the scholarly peer review process by empowering all researchers to engage with preprint reviews.

Outbreak Science is a non-profit organization aimed at advancing the science of outbreak response, in particular by supporting early and open dissemination of data, code, and analytical results.

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