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**.
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- 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
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- Case Reports in Infectious Diseases
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- Case Reports in Pulmonology
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- 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
Journal of Healthcare Engineering
Journal of Immunology Research
Mediators of Inflammation
Nursing Research and Practice
Oxidative Medicine and Cellular Longevity
Pulmonary Medicine

PLOS
PLOS ONE
PLOS Biology
PLOS Computational Biology
PLOS Genetics
PLOS Medicine
PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases
PLOS Pathogens

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HRB Open Research
AAS Open Research
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