

# TOP TIPS FOR PEER REVIEW

## PRINCIPLES

*Be kind and constructive*

- Act promptly.
- Take on an objective/professional tone rather than a familiar/personal tone. Would you use that language in a published article?
- Avoid overly judgemental, emotive language.

## PRACTICALITIES

*You are not the copy-editor!*

- Start with something positive. Does the article deserve to be published? If so, why?
- Prioritise your feedback. Be clear about how relatively significant your points are.
- Provide comments that are specific and justified, so they are easy for the author to act on.



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*"Do it with a glad heart, or don't do it at all"*