

THE NEUROSCIENCE PEER REVIEW CONSORTIUM

AN INNOVATION IN SCIENCE PUBLISHING

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WHAT IS THE NEUROSCIENCE PEER REVIEW CONSORTIUM?

The Neuroscience Peer Review Consortium is an alliance of neuroscience journals that have agreed to accept manuscript reviews from other members of the Consortium. Its goals are to support efficient and thorough peer review of original research in neuroscience, speed the publication of research reports, and reduce the burden on peer reviewers. Membership is open to all journals that publish neuroscience articles and are indexed by Medline.

WHY SHOULD A JOURNAL JOIN THE CONSORTIUM? WHAT CAN IT OFFER?

The Neuroscience Peer Review Consortium has been formed to reduce the time and effort involved in the peer review of original neuroscience research reports. By reducing the number of times that a manuscript is reviewed, the Consortium will reduce the load on reviewers and editors and speed the publication of research results.



WHAT JOURNALS ARE MEMBERS OF THE CONSORTIUM SO FAR?

The Neuroscience Peer Review Consortium is open to all self-identified journals that publish peer-reviewed original research in the field of neuroscience and are indexed by Medline. The first journals to join the Consortium (below) are edited or published by members of the SfN task force charged with implementing the Consortium. However, membership is open to **all** Medline-indexed neuroscience journals.

- *Human Brain Mapping*
- *The Journal of Comparative Neurology*
- *Neuroinformatics*
- *Neuropharmacology*
- *Neuroscience (IBRO Journal)*
- *The Journal of Neuroscience*
- *The European Journal of Neuroscience*

HOW WILL THE NPRC AFFECT AUTHORS?

This is a completely voluntary process: If a manuscript is not accepted by one journal in the Consortium, the authors have the option of submitting their manuscript to a second Consortium journal and requesting that reviews from the first journal be forwarded to the second journal. It is the authors' choice whether or not to request that a set of reviews be forwarded.

HOW ARE REVIEWS AND OTHER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION HANDLED?

The forwarding of reviews is handled directly by the editorial offices of the Consortium journals, with no central controlling body. All confidential information is managed by the journals.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Visit the Neuroscience Peer Review Consortium website at <http://nprc.incf.org/> to submit an application for your journal's membership in the NPRC, or to read more details for editors, authors, reviewers and publishers.

