



Answers to Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Newpubli

(1) Is Newpubli a journal specific to a field?

No. As given in its Editorial Policies, Newpubli publishes articles from all fields of biomedical sciences in its beginning years, and may publishes articles thereafter from all disciplines except politics, religious studies and military science. Newpubli can adapt to this very wide scope as it need not consider whether an article is of enough value to be published and it has established a mechanism to rate article value through peer review.

(2) Will Newpubli publish many articles of nearly no value at all?

No. All the preprints of the lowest value rank, namely those assumed to be of lowest value, will be published formally not in Newpubli, but in its sister journal, *Newpubli Express*. Thus, all articles published in Newpubli should have certain scientific merit. By the way, *Newpubli Express* is a journal mainly publishing articles without peer review, and it is different from other journals without peer review in that it provides automatically three value ranks based on the times being cited during the first one, two and five years after publication. These three automatic value ranks are also provided by Newpubli.

(3) How can Newpubli obtain articles of great value to publish?

First of all, mechanistically, it does not matter if 90% articles published by Newpubli are not of high value provided these articles have not been published with high value ranks.

Second, Newpubli has established mechanisms to attract articles of great value:

(a) Articles of great value will be published by Newpubli very rapidly within days. If necessary, Newpubli can publish them as preprints before they have been completed.

(b) Articles of great value will not be rejected due to rigorous and prejudice-prone peer review.

(c) Articles of great value will be published by Newpubli with high ranks which make them distinct from those of low value.

(d) Authors need not pay open-access publication fee.

(e) The corresponding authors of articles of great value will be published by Newpubli will obtain many points in honor and many original shares in the journal. For example, the corresponding author of the first article whose PR-Rank is 9 will be bestowed 900 points in honor and 20,000 original shares of Newpubli.

All these advantages are not available in most, if not all, regarding other journals.

(4) Why can Newpubli accept and publish manuscripts even if they have not been completed?

The major reason is that these manuscripts are only published as preprints. It suggests that you have done something and have reached some conclusions. Moreover, it also suggests that your conclusions have not been formally published and have not been rated by any peer reviewers.

Newpubli shall not formally publish any articles if they have not been completed. Moreover, Newpubli shall not invite peer reviewers to rate any articles if they have not been completed.

(5) What if most scientists do not support Newpubli in the beginning years?

If only 1% scientists support Newpubli in the beginning years, it will be successful, due to the fact that it is okay for Newpubli to publish only 100 articles annually in the first years.

Many young scientists dislike the current publishing mode because some of their manuscripts have been rejected for prejudiced peer review, or some other scientists published articles before them because of the slow peer review process. These young scientists shall support Newpubli, and they have ability to support the journal.

(6) Will Newpubli be indexed by PubMed and other databases?

We are trying our best towards this critical goal, and publish articles per their requirements.

We will contact Google Scholar for indexing Newpubli in the coming days.

We will apply for the doi and citation service of CrossRef after we have got the ISSN number which shall be available soon after the first batch of articles have been formally published.

We will apply for being indexed by Pubget after we have published about 20 articles.

We will apply for being indexed by Pubmed after we have published about 50 articles.

(7) Why Newpubli publishes articles even if they are considered to be technically unreliable?

If a peer reviewer or reader thinks a view of a preprint is not technically reliable, he or she can make such comments through the online platform anonymously, which shall be responded by the authors and Newpubli Editorial Team. This is a mechanism to treat articles that are really unreliable in methods, as well as sparking rather than smothering pioneering views which are likely to be considered to be technically unreliable.

It is a fact that an article is usually of a low value rank if it is really not technically reliable, and the rank shall raise the vigilance of readers in judging the reliability of the article.

It is a fact that many manuscripts have been rejected only because some peer reviewers made erroneous comments that some views in the manuscripts are not technical reliable.

It is a fact that many articles published by many famous journals contain views that are really unreliable in methods. But most of these articles are valuable in other respects. We should judge a view not from a single article, but from many resources as well as our own experiences.

It is a fact that it is costly and time-consuming to publish articles only after they have been confirmed to be technically reliable.

Cumulatively, it is not serious to publish an article assumed to be technically unreliable, and it is

harmful and costly to smother pioneering views and inhibit rapid publication of articles.

(8) What if some peer reviewers provide the value rating without careful consideration?

This is inevitable. But its negative effect is minimized through statistical calculation. Moreover, in the long run, we will know the reliability of many experts through statistical analysis of their past performance, and will invite active and reliable scientists to conduct peer review and reward them for their service accordingly. In addition, the journal will respond to complaints of authors and readers if they think the value of an article is under- or over-estimated.

(9) Can Newpubli provide publication service for young scientists?

Yes. We shall change the definition of experienced researchers whom Newpubli shall provide publication service for, using some examples. If a young scientist can provide evidences that he or she is a researcher of good experiences, he or she shall be qualified to publish articles in the journal.

(10) How can Newpubli arouse the interest of readers in rating and making comments on articles?

First, registered readers can freely rate any preprints published by Newpubli, but their ratings shall not be accepted if the journal has not confirmed that they are experts in the field.

Second, registered readers can freely make comments online anonymously or use the real names, on any preprints and articles published by Newpubli. If their comments have been accepted, they shall obtain some points, and thus have opportunities to be promoted in honor in Newpubli.

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