

Dear Editor,

I hope this finds you well. Following our [last issue in July](#), it gives me pleasure to share the latest updates from us here at Elsevier.

As an editor, you curate trusted research and help authors improve their work. Our role is to provide you with tools, support, and guidance which enable us to accomplish these goals and advance human progress together. Below you will find an overview of recent work on [each of our key themes](#).

Empowering you to focus on the science

Editor training at Elsevier has undergone a significant transformation in 2025. Our “Absolute Essentials” module — [a concise \(<30 minute\), high-impact course](#) focused on core editorial responsibilities and ethics — is now being sent to all new editors. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, with editors emphasizing the clarity, relevance, and practical value of the content. Recent feedback from your peers includes:

“Through this training, I have gained an understanding of the work that editors need to carry out and also become familiar with the relevant rules.”

“The concise explanations, highlighting only the essential points for each topic, were very helpful.”

“This course has been incredibly beneficial in enhancing our understanding of editorial responsibilities and obligations. It provides a comprehensive framework that clearly outlines the key aspects of ethical editing, ensuring that we are well-equipped to uphold the highest standards in our work.”

Average rating

9.2



470 people rated

I encourage you to [check out the training yourself at this link](#)...

In 2026, we are planning to onboard a new learning management system to replace our current training platform. This system will provide editors with a more streamlined and user-friendly training experience. It will also support tailored, role-specific training, ensuring that both new and renewing editors receive the most pertinent and up-to-date guidance to support their editorial responsibilities.

Next steps include the development of additional modules, with a focus on ethics, integrity checks, Editorial Manager best practices, and role-specific responsibilities. We will continue to seek and action your feedback to inform further improvements and will share updates and developments in future Briefings or via your regular publishing contact.

Other updates in this area

» [Wearing two hats with style: navigating your roles as an editor and author](#)

Collaborating to advance trusted research

Following the announcement about Check Integrity in [our last Briefing](#), we are sharing more information in the public domain about the Check Integrity tool’s role in the pre-publication process so the broader research community can see how we are actively safeguarding content quality, research integrity, and publishing ethics. Providing the community with insights into the tool’s capabilities will act as a positive differentiator for your journal, showcasing a proactive approach to upholding integrity throughout the publishing process. This is one of the many ways we’re talking more proactively about research integrity as a differentiator. [Take a look at our new video](#) that highlights how we’re working together to uphold research integrity.

Other updates in this area

» [Meet an ethics expert: Manman Wang](#)

Enhancing the service provided to authors

Solid progress on rolling out our improved submission and peer review interfaces

We’re excited to share that we are steadily expanding [our enhanced submission and peer review interfaces](#) across our journals. These enhancements to Editorial Manager are part of our ongoing commitment to innovating and improving the experience for authors, reviewers, and editors alike — ensuring a smoother, more intuitive, and more efficient editorial process. With over 500 journals scheduled to adopt our new submission and peer review experience before the end of 2025, we are making great progress! Early feedback has been very positive, reflecting increased satisfaction and confidence in the new interfaces.

As Amelia T. Nasrallah, Senior Managing Editor of Biomarkers in Neuropsychiatry, remarked when being informed about the new peer review interface:

“I have wished for a long time that editors could access all review information without switching between screens. This development will be very helpful!”

Stay tuned for more updates from your publishing contact as we continue to expand!

Harnessing technology responsibly to improve the publication experiences

We are exploring ways to improve the experience of authors during the later stages of the publication process, specifically the steps that take place after a paper is accepted. For this, [we are leveraging technologies](#), including artificial intelligence, to support our teams working on the preparation of the article for final publication. After extensive testing, we have seen great results from our pilot programs in areas such as:

- Improved ability to identify inconsistencies or inaccuracies in the final manuscript
- Enhanced quality of copy-editing
- Increased speed in providing proofs to authors

While technology serves as a valuable support mechanism which empowers our experts to make informed decisions, human expertise is always the mainstay of our publication processes. In other words, technology is used to assist, not replace our human experts. We are piloting this technology on selected journals and gradually rolling out to more where suitable. We will, of course, keep you informed as and when your journal can benefit from this improved experience.

Other updates in this area

» [Rethinking peer review in the AI era with responsibility and transparency](#)

» [Innovations in scientific publishing](#)

I hope you’ve found this update useful. If you have any questions or feedback, please let your regular publishing contact know.

Thank you, as always, for your continued commitment and support.

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