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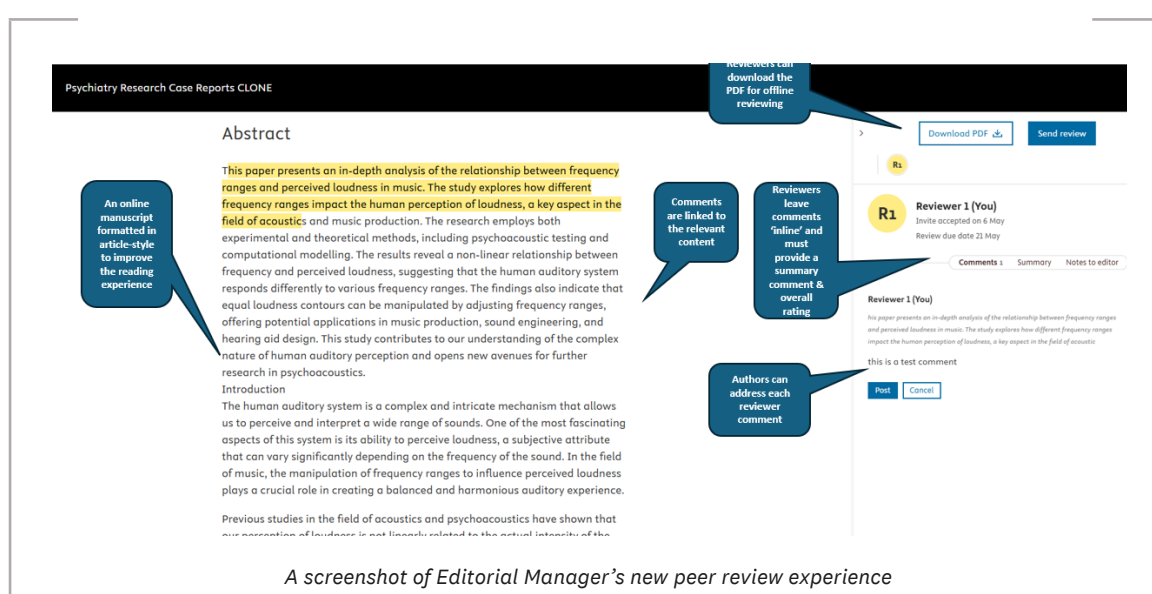
I hope this finds you well. Following [our last issue in April](#), I'm pleased to be able to share with you the latest update on the various workflows, innovations and developments with which we've been involved here at Elsevier.

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. What follows hereunder is an overview of recent work on each of [our key themes](#) together with a sample of recent communications on each topic.

Empowering you to focus on the science

With Editorial Manager's new peer review experience, editors can quickly assess reviewer comments and author responses in a single, intuitive and modernized interface. Towards the end of the year, we will release this new peer review experience where editors, reviewers and authors can already benefit from the new user experience and interface. Over time, this will also support inline commenting, enabling closer collaboration between reviewers, authors and editors, and a more efficient review process. *"The new design that the team has created with the feedback of editors, authors and reviewers will create opportunities to innovate how researchers can engage with the scientific peer review process. I love what they're creating together,"* says Heather Williams, Director Product Management about these developments.

Keep an eye out for updates from your Publisher!



A screenshot of Editorial Manager's new peer review experience

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Collaborating to advance trusted research

I am pleased to announce that we have launched Check Integrity, which supports ethical publishing. Most of our journals now use this tool, with plans to continue development to address the research integrity and publishing ethics challenges that we face.

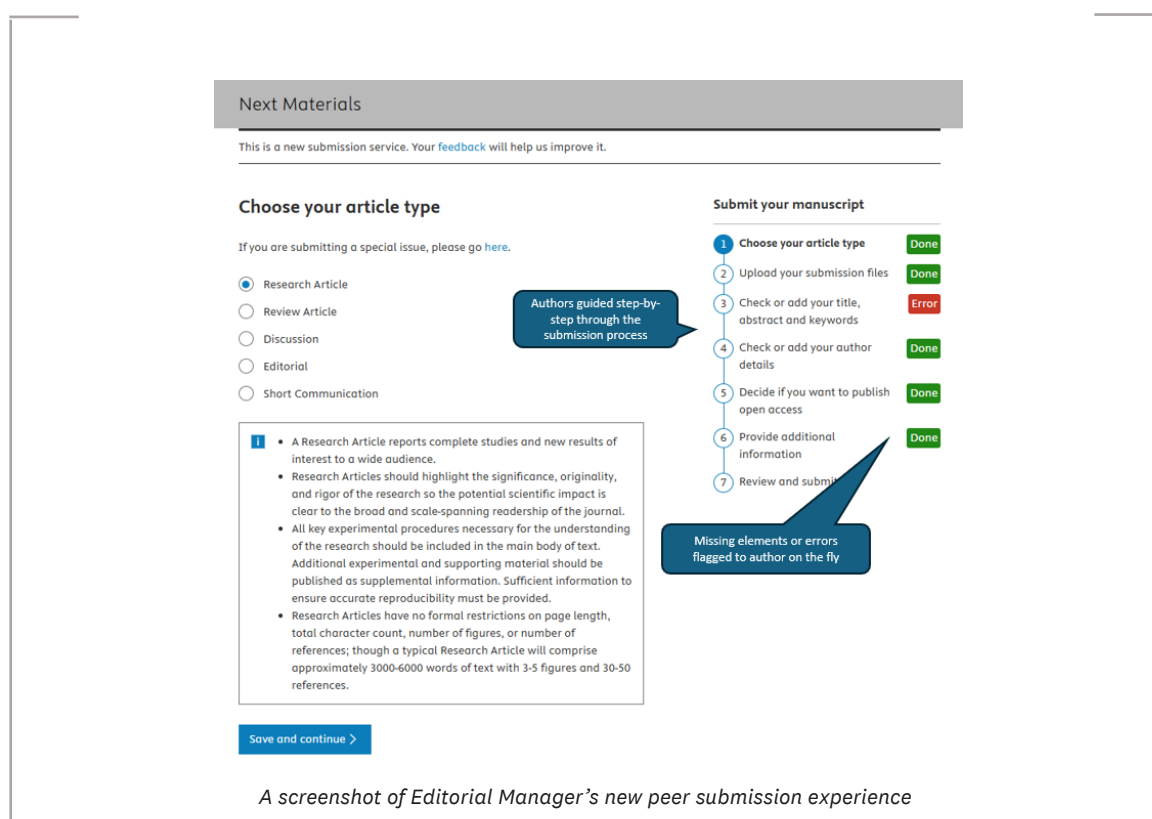
The latest feature addresses conflicts of interest involving journal editors who are authors of submitted papers. Editors and Editorial Advisory Board members are allowed to publish in their own journals, but they must always disclose their connection with the journal upfront. They are also not permitted to handle their own submissions. You can [find more tips in this Editors' Update article](#) for submitting manuscripts to journals you manage. Check Integrity will continue expanding its screening capabilities, adding more features to protect our journals' integrity; upcoming signals will focus on citation manipulation and conflicts of interest.

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» [Taking a look at how publishers are safeguarding science](#)
 » [Meet one of our publishing ethics experts](#)
 » [Examining the ways in which we're enhancing research integrity](#)

Enhancing the service provided to authors

Community feedback has highlighted the need to improve our submission process for authors. With Editorial Manager's new submission experience, we offer authors a modernized and user-friendly interface that helps them complete their submission faster and more accurately. Authors submitting to the pilot journals using our new submission experience have rated their user experience as exceptionally high (~90% "ease of use" and "meets my needs") in feedback surveys. We are, therefore, confidently adding more journals starting from September. Your Publisher will be in touch with you when your journal is able to benefit from the new submission experience.



A screenshot of Editorial Manager's new peer submission experience

Other updates in this area

» [Sharing advice on how to help authors revise their papers](#)

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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