

Brief introduction to Editorial Manager (EM)

Essential information for Editors



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Introduction

- This slide deck has been put together to provide an introduction to Editorial Manager (EM).
- Please note that the deck is meant only as a brief introduction to EM and is not considered a replacement for training. Please do sign up for one of our invaluable training sessions as and when you can - further details can be found on slide nine.
- Some slides will contain a hyperlink to <u>video guides</u> relating to content of the slide. These short videos (3 4 minutes) cover only the specific topic mentioned in the slides and, as such, provide a useful resource.
- If you have any further questions relating to the content of this deck, please contact your Publisher or Journal Manager.



About Editorial Manager

- EM is a long-established and best-in-class editorial submission and manuscript processing system, providing a strong performing and robust system for Elsevier's and our society partners' Editors, Authors and Reviewers.
- All key workflows are supported and operating successfully for more than 7,000 journals across publishers on EM. We are also able to deliver enhancements and innovative solutions to you, and your community, soon.
- EM is not new to Elsevier; Elsevier and Aries Systems, the creators of EM, have already worked closely for nearly 20 years, with a number of Elsevier journals using EM, and the Elsevier Editorial System (EES) being adapted from an early version of EM.





What benefits does EM offer?



Enhanced submission workflows and features designed to help editors **save time** (e.g. Editor Chains; Quick Search; support for metadata extraction and reference linking from submitted Word files)



Features to help all users keep on top of their work e.g. Editor Signposting.



Features that support **enhanced communication** e.g. Discussion Forum and Decision Phrases.



Research integrity features to support both editors e.g. duplicate submission check within the journal on title and abstract as well as author name, and authors e.g. co-author confirmation.



Existing integration with many third-party tools e.g. CrossCheck, with more being established all the time.



Key aspects of EM workflows

Send back to author

- Submissions can only be "Sent back to author" when first received by the journal. This option is intended to be used where submission requirements have not been met (e.g. abstract length or structure, missing highlights, etc.)
- A submission cannot be "Sent back to author" once it has been assigned to an Editor. This includes
 the case where an Editor uses "Assign to myself" in Direct-to-Editor workflows.
- A "Revise" decision will need to be made to send a submission back to the author post-editor assignment.

Revised submission assignment

- By default, revised submissions will follow the same assignment workflow as new submissions although, where a Central Receiving Office exists, they may choose to assign these differently, or send them back to the author.
- There are two options that allow for semi-automation of this process:
 - Allow reassignment to previous Editors
 - Revisions are automatically directed to the First Assigned Editor of the previous version



Editorial Manager Support

We offer the following types of training sessions:

- 1-to-1 session: trainer will guide you through EM covering how to manage a new assignment to making a final decision. The one-hour session is comprehensive and covers the main features needed to prepare you for 'day one' on the new site. We recommend booking this as close to go live as possible to enable you to start working in EM when your site goes live.
- We also provide recorded sessions for lower volume users. These are available from the <u>training calendar</u>.
- **Q&A session:** a bespoke session to answer any questions you may have and a chance for further guidance using the system. This session can be booked anytime after go live, however we would advise this is done within a few weeks of the go live date.
- Trainers are available across a variety of time zones
- Select a suitable slot from our online training calendar
- Importantly, the training can be tailored to meet the needs of your journal, e.g. we can organise a session with multiple editors from your journal.
- When the trainer contacts you to arrange the session, do let them know if there are any particular topics you wish to discuss.

We found that editors who have attended a training session familiarise with EM quicker, and get more out of the new system. Here is what some editor had to say after the training:

"The training helped me raise new questions about the editorial process, in addition to clarifying how to navigate the system."

"I went from zero understanding of the system to confident in using it."

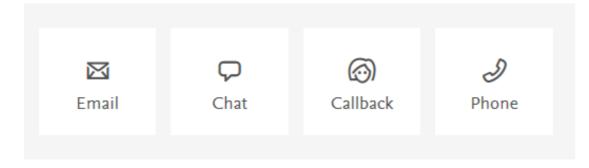
"Easy to follow and it will save me time compared to learning to use the new system on my own."

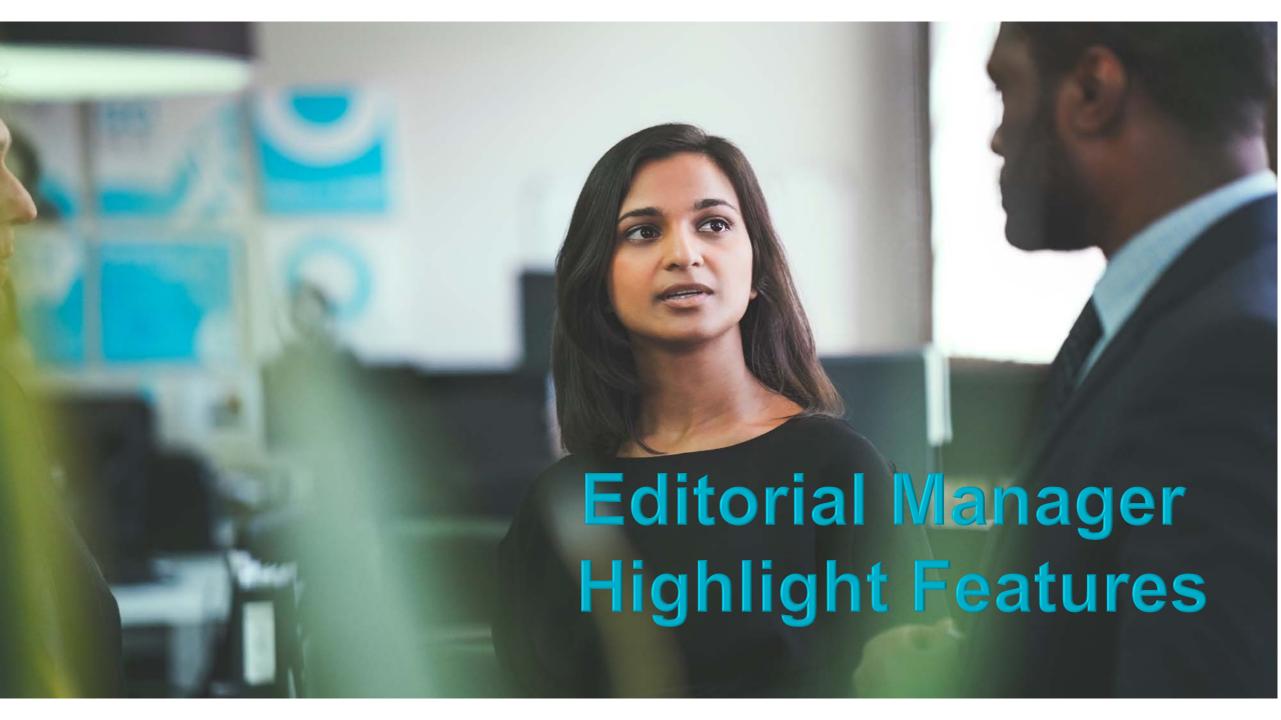
"The trainer understood my prior experience and did not go over aspects of the training that were unnecessary. My experience and time constraints were valued."



Editorial Manager Support

- Editor Guide, highlighting Key Editor Tasks, is available from the Elsevier Support Center
- Videos:
 - The Support Hub also hosts <u>video guides in different languages</u>
 - If you can't find the topic you were looking for, you can search for videos in the Aries
 <u>Video Library.</u>
- Our Researcher Support team can be contacted using the details at the <u>bottom of each</u> support web page.





Editorial Manager Highlight Features

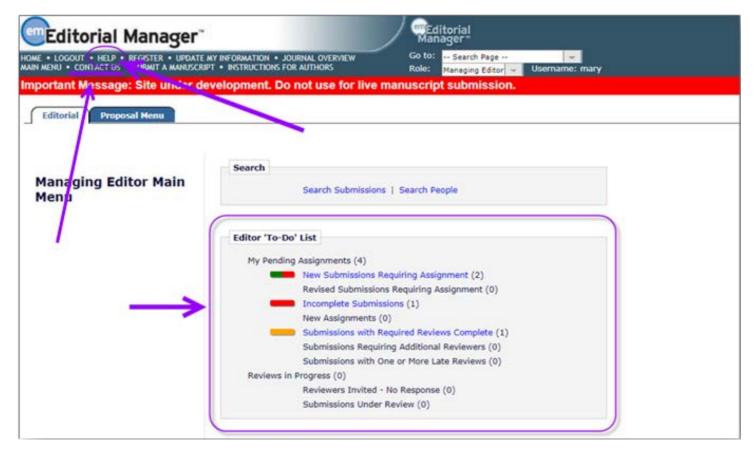
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These features are covered on the next slides.



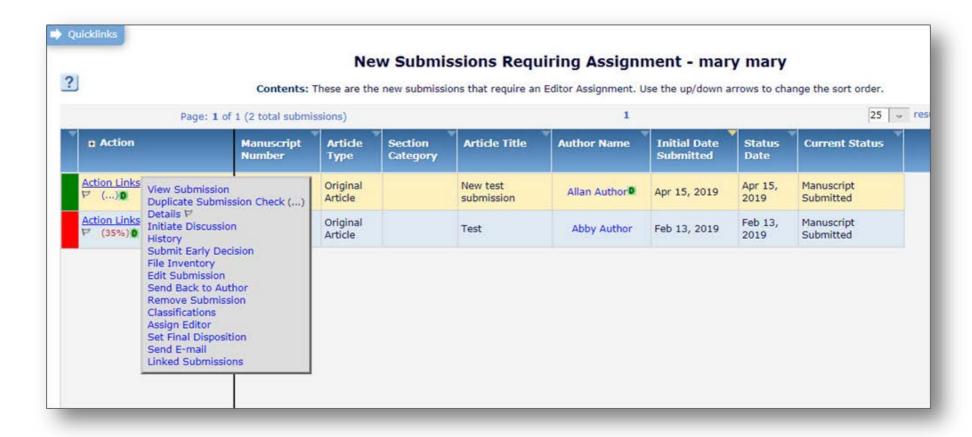
1. Main Menu and Help

- The Contact us button gives you direct access to the Elsevier Support Hub, where you can get help from one of our Support Agents
- The "Help" link at the top will take you to EM's robust help documentation search
- Items needing your attention will be in your To-Do List



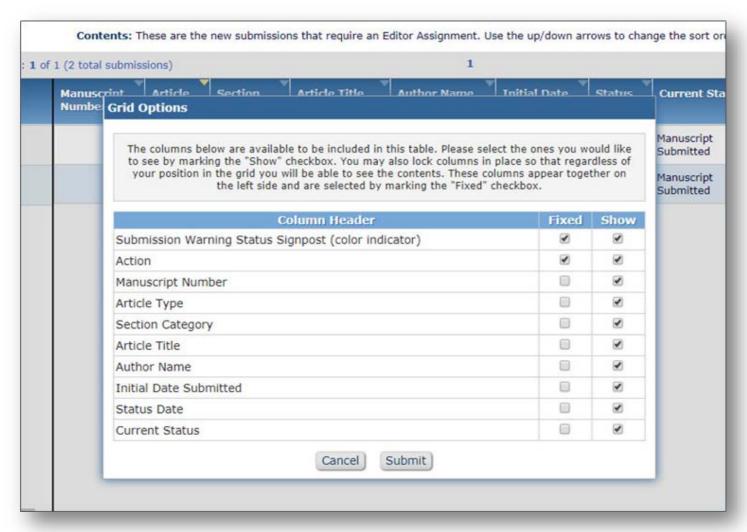
2. Submissions / Action Links

- Signposting carries through to each individual manuscript. The traffic light colour coding is customizable, with the standard set at <10 days for green, 10-20 for amber and >20 for red.
- Clicking the "Action Links" brings up a menu of options, including downloading the files, reviewing the details,
 assigning to another editor, sending back to author, inviting reviewers, etc. (this menu will be different depending
 on your role within the journal and the status of the manuscript)



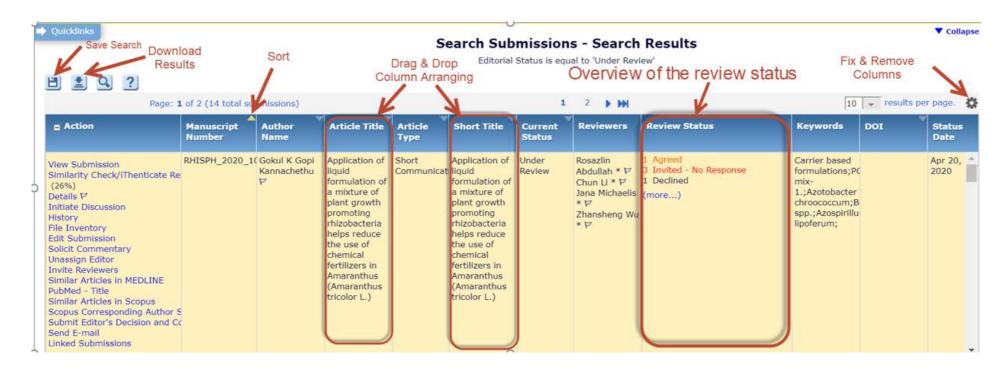
3. View Options

- Columns are sortable.
- In several menus, you can also change the order of the columns by dragging and dropping them to a different location, resize them, or even turn certain columns off.



4. Power Grid

The Power Grid is available across several different areas of Editorial Manager; primarily useful when Searching Submissions, as searches can be saved and results downloaded.



The Review Status column, part of the Power Grid, offers a quick overview of ongoing reviews/ reviewer invites.

5. Duplicate Submission Check

This feature allows you to check for duplications against other manuscripts submitted to your journal

Potential Duplicate Submissions EM Duplicate Score:									
Manuscript/Submission Number	Initial Date Submitted	Revision	Current Status	Article Title	Authors	Article Title Similarity	Author Similarity	Abstract Similarity	
RHISPH_2016_99 View Submission Details	07/12/2016 09:33:07	0	Completed - Reject	Assessment of Plant Growth Promoting Potential of Pseudomonas putida Isolated from Rice Rhizosphere of Old Alluvial Soil Zone	SHAMPA DUTTA;narayan mandal;Jayanta Datta	29%	0%	9%	
RHISPH_2018_49 View Submission Details	05/01/2018 11:27:55	0	Completed - Reject	Plant probiotic rhizobacteria from various medicinal plants and its effect on enhancement of agricultural productivity	Reshma K R;Jimtha Joseph	17%	0%	24%	
RHISPH_2020_1 View Submission Details	01/03/2020 04:33:12	0	Completed - Reject	Assessment of potential bacteria for enhancing plant nutrient uptake and growth of wheat	Qurban Ali Li Panhwar;MS Jamali;MS Sarki;Inayatullah Rajpar;N Depar	25%	0%	15%	
RHISPH_2018_98 View Submission Details	08/21/2018 19:52:30	0	Completed - Withdrawn	Maize plant growth response to whole rhizosphere microbial communities in different mineral N and P fertilization scenarios	Dante Lopez-Carmona;Alejandro Alarcon;Esperanza Martínez- Romero;Juan Jose Peña Cabriales;John Larsen	25%	0%	13%	
RHISPH_2018_151 View Submission Details	11/11/2018 20:08:47	0	Completed - Accept	Maize plant growth response to whole rhizosphere microbial communities in different mineral N and P fertilization scenarios	Dante Lopez-Carmona;Alejandro Alarcon;Esperana Martinez Romero;Juan Jose Peña Cabriales;John Larsen	25%	0%	10%	
RHISPH_2019_89 View Submission Details	07/13/2019 15:13:29	0	Completed - Reject	Plant growth promoting potential of multifarious endophytic Pseudomonas	Rajat Maheshwari;Namita Bhutani;Pradeep Kumar;Pooja Suneja	25%	0%	11%	

This is not a check for plagiarism, and is meant primarily to identify resubmissions and submissions which are similar to previously submitted manuscripts in Title, Abstract, and Author List only. Editors with the appropriate permissions will be able to view additional details about the previous manuscripts by clicking on the links provided.

6. Searching for Reviewers - intro

There are various internal and external 'find reviewer' options; these will be covered on the next few slides.

Use Search My Publication to search for reviewers in the journal database.
 Select Search using - Reviewer Recommender to get suggested reviewers from an algorithm using Scopus data combined with information on reviewers in the journal database.
 Access the Standalone Find Reviewer Tool to search Scopus using your own chosen keywords and then copy-paste the information back.
 Pease visit our Support Hub for information on finding reviewers, or contact Support.
 Reviewer Search
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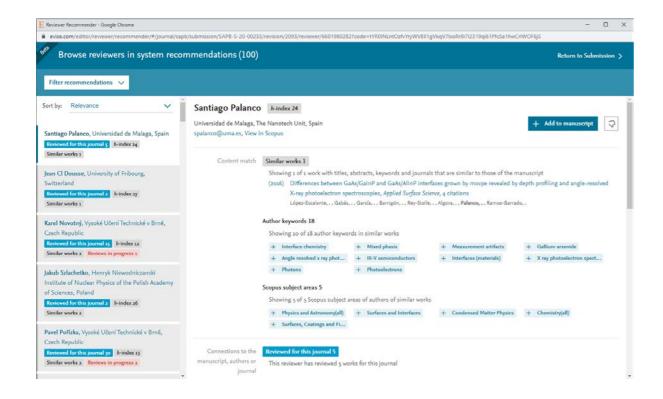
Search using - Reviewer Recommender

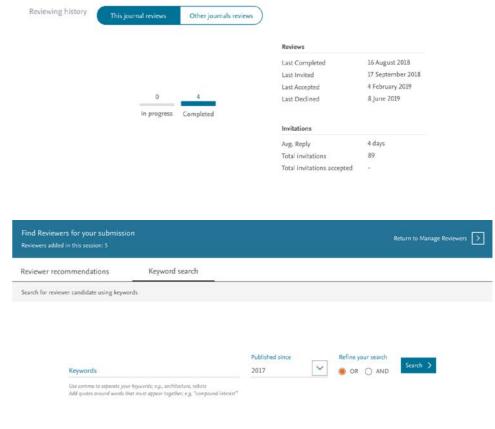


Reviewer Recommender tool

- Search for reviewers external to the journal database using the Reviewer Recommender (RR) tool
- COMING SOON "Search using Reviewer Recommender and Keywords" Keyword search functionality fully integrated within EM. It will also easily allow you to add suggested reviewers who are not yet registered in EM (for those journals who use this feature)
- RR now also offers an in-depth reviewer history showing number of times reviewed for the current and other journals, number of times published within that journal, and suggested by author
- Editors need to be logged in with their Elsevier Profile to be able to see more information about potential reviewers and their published articles in Scopus
- The RR uses submission meta-data to identify potential reviewer candidates, who are then ranked using a machine learning model. The (meta) data from EM is used to:
 - Select up to 1,000 researchers authoring similar papers
 - Filter out the researchers with potential conflicts of interest
 - Rank and display the top 100 candidate reviewers
 - Enrich the recommended candidate reviewers with additional information (e.g. publication history, reviewing history for the journal ,reviews in progress, etc.)
- The RR will start generating recommendations as soon as the author completes the submission process and those recommendations will be available in EM within 24 hours.
- A <u>video and Quick Guide</u> showing how to use the RR tool are available from the Support Hub

Reviewer Recommender

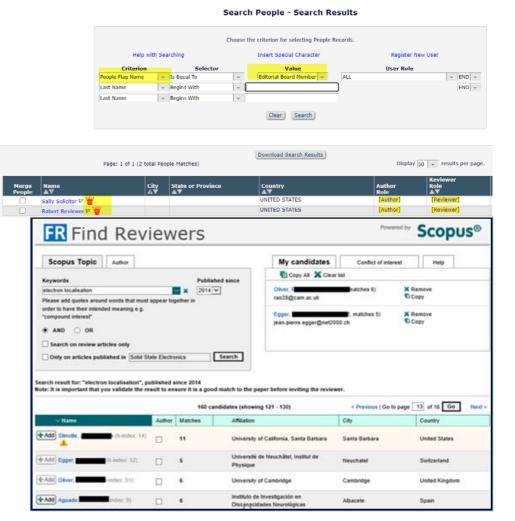




A video on the Reviewer Recommender tool can be watched here.

Searching for Reviewers: other sources

- Search the journal database by using the 'Search My Publication' box in EM. To assist editors in finding suitable reviewers, we have automatically added some personal keywords to the reviewers' profile based on their past publications available on Scopus.com and their activity within this journal.
- Another option for searching for reviewers within the journal's database is to add People Flags to reviewers' profiles and then search using these, in the 'Search my Publication' screen.
- The Find Reviewer (FR) tool is also available, although as a stand-alone tool. It can be used to search for reviewers by copying and pasting 'Keywords', 'Title', 'Classifications', 'Author names' etc.
- Depending on the journal configuration, you can search for Similar Articles on Scopus (a keyword-based search), Scopus Author Search, Similar Articles in MEDLINE, and PubMed Title Search. These options are listed in the action menu on EM.



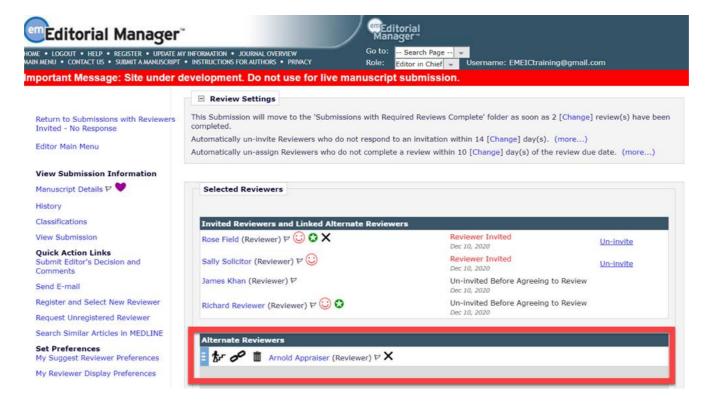
6a. Alternate Reviewers

 You can add alternate reviewers up-front to act as a replacement for any reviewers that decline or fail to respond. You can link a specific alternate to a reviewer, to ensure you have at least one particular reviewer in a particular domain

The system automatically promotes the (linked) alternate if one of the invited reviewers declines an invitation

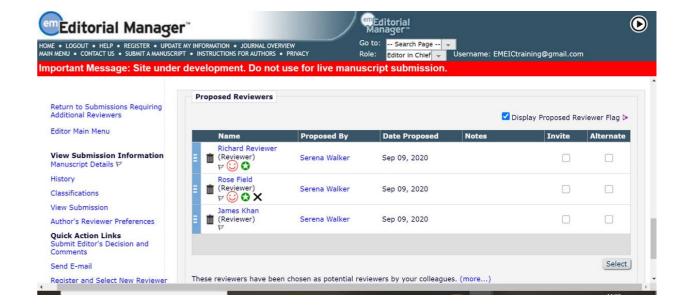
Alternates will be promoted only if there are fewer agreed/completed reviews than the required number (see

<u>slide 25</u>)



6b. Proposed reviewers

- Editors may recommend, or propose, potential Reviewers for other Editors to invite or assign to a submission. Proposed Reviewers are listed on the Reviewer Selection Summary page and can be selected directly to use as Invited, Assigned, or Alternate Reviewers as needed.
- A Proposed Reviewer flag is available to call attention to submissions for which Reviewers have been proposed. When the proposing Editor checks the box next to the setting, Display Proposed Reviewer Flag, on the Reviewer Selection Summary page, an icon () displays next to the Action link, Invite Reviewers, for the related submission.





6c. Reviewer reminders

- Automated reviewer reminders can be set up for your journal
- You can set up more than one reminder, and each reminder can be linked to a different reminder letter
- You can discuss with your JM the different deadlines for reminders and these can be adjusted at any time

Reminder Type:	No Response. Send Reminder: Send an automated reminder e-mail to Reviewers with outstanding invitations that were sent exactly 5 days ago. Reminders will be sent to Reviewers who have neither accepted nor declined the review invitation, and have not been un-					
	invited or terminated.					
	O Reminder Before Due Date: Send an automated reminder e-mail for reviews that are exactly days before their due date. Reminders will be sent to Reviewers who have agreed to the review invitation but have not yet submitted their review.					
	O Reminder Past Due Date: Send an automated reminder e-mail for reviews that are exactly 7 days past the due date. To send reminders for reviews that are due on the day the reminder report is run, enter 0 days. Reminders will be sent to Reviewers who have agreed to the review invitation but have not yet submitted their review.					
	Reminder Outstanding Partially Saved Reviews: Send an automated reminder e-mail for any partially-saved reviews that were saved exactly adays ago and have not been submitted fully. To send reminders for reviews that were saved on the day that the report is run, enter 0 days. Reminders will be sent to Reviewers who saved a partially completed review and may have forgotten to submit the fully completed review.					



7. Automatic un-assign & un-invite review setting

Reviewers who have already accepted the invitation to review a paper but do not submit their comments within a pre-defined time, can be automatically un-assigned. In the same way, if a reviewer has not responded to the invitation within a pre-set time frame, they will be uninvited.

■ Review Settings

This Submission will move to the 'Submissions with Required Reviews Complete' folder as soon as 2 [Change] review(s) have been completed.

Automatically un-invite Reviewers who do not respond to an invitation within 5 [Change] day(s). (more...)

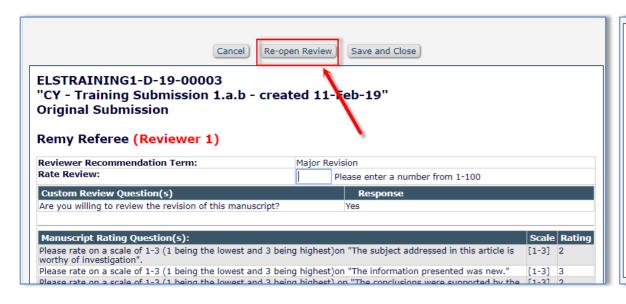
Automatically un-assign Reviewers who do not complete a review within 0 [Change] day(s) of the review due date.

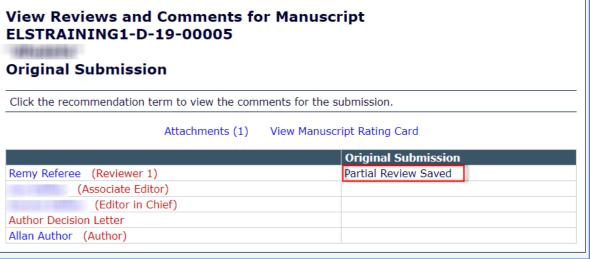
Set this number to 0 to turn off the automatic un-assign process for Reviewers who have accepted an invitation to review this submission. (less...)



8. Re-open Review

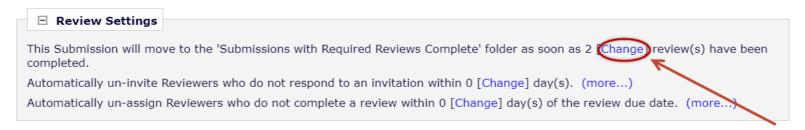
- In EM, you will have the ability to "re-open" a review. This option appears when viewing a completed reviewer report and allows the editor to return the report to the reviewer for editing.
- Once the review has been re-opened, the status for that report on the View Reviews and Comments screen will
 change to Partial Review Saved, and the Reviewer will see the assignment back on their Reviewer Main Menu for
 editing/re-submission in the My Pending Assignments folder.
- This option is useful for any comments submitted by the reviewer before being finalized or in error.





9. Required Reviews

- Each Article Type can be set up with a different number of required reviews. Once this
 number has been reached, the paper will then move on to the 'Required Reviews
 Complete' folder.
- The purpose of this number is to expose manuscripts that may need additional attention. A submission with fewer than the specified number of reviewers invited/agreed will move to the Submissions Requiring Additional Reviewers folder so the Editor can see additional reviewers need to be selected.
- However, this number can also be changed on an individual basis, on each submission, on the invite reviewers screen:





10. Editor "Signposting"

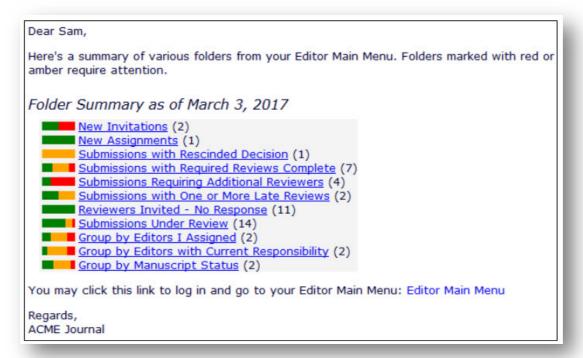
 Color coded signposting indicates submissions in each section that are new (green), need attention (amber), or overdue (red)

Editor 'To-Do' List							
My Pending Assignments (30)							
New Assignments (21)							
Submissions with Required Reviews Complete (2)							
Submissions Requiring Additional Reviewers (2)							
Submissions with One or More Late Reviews (6)							
Reviews in Progress (21)							
Reviewers Invited - No Response (16)							
Submissions Under Review (10)							
Editorial Submissions in Progress							
Needs Attention: 10 Days since submission began							
Late: 20 Days since submission began							
Transferred Submissions							
Needs Attention: 10 Days since initial date submitted							
Late: 20 Days since initial date submitted							

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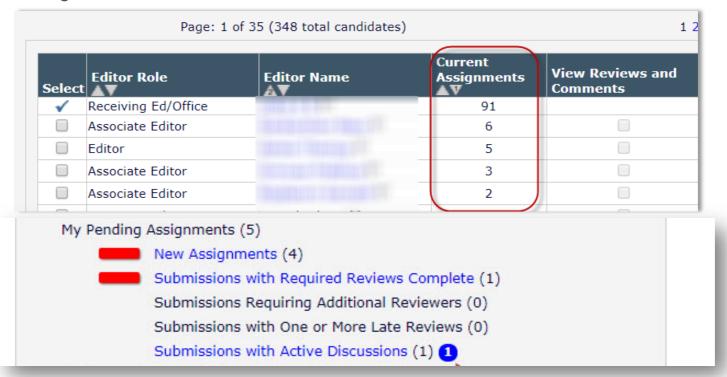
11. Automated Summary Reminders

- Reminder emails can be sent automatically to Editors at regular intervals.
- These reminders can include summaries from up to 11 assignment-related Editor Main Menu folders compiled in a single email.
- May be configured to include due-date threshold information (color-coded), allowing you a more informative quick view of your workload.
- Assignments that are on schedule are marked green, those requiring attention to keep them on schedule are marked amber, and those that are late are marked red.
- You will have the ability to configure these, and can discuss any concerns with your Journal Manager



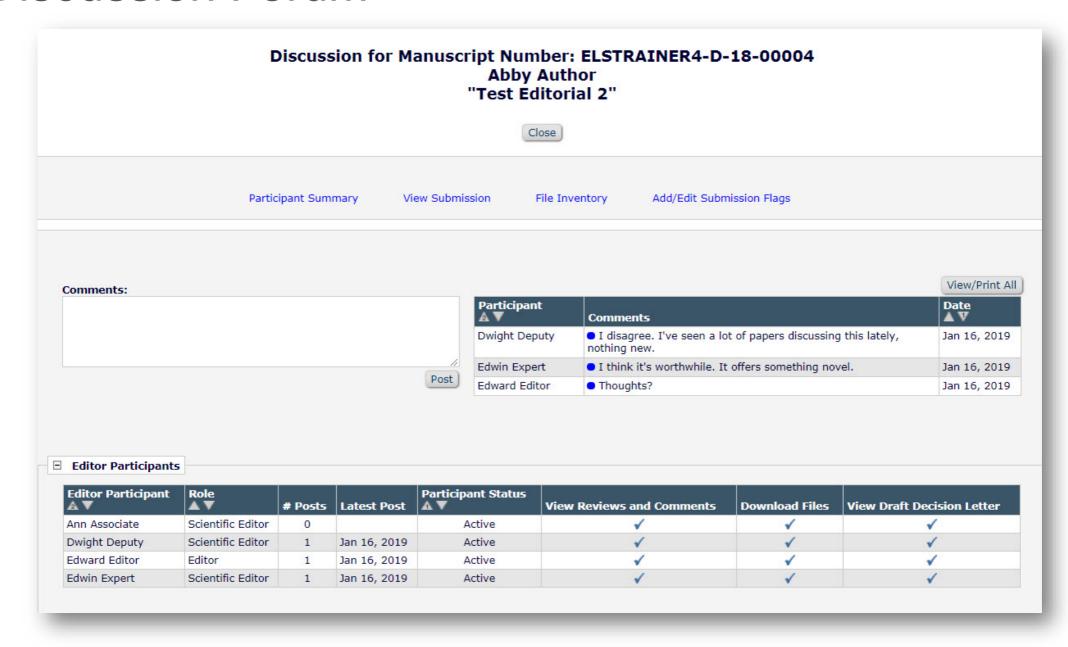
12. Discussion Forum

- Discussion Forums allow you to invite other editors to view and discuss a manuscript, without having to assign it to them. Once the discussion is complete, the editors' access to the manuscript can be terminated.
- By default, all you will have the ability to *initiate* a Discussion Forum and all editors will be eligible to be *invited* to participate. Discussion Forums have many options, and these can be amended by your Journal Manager.
- Please note that when starting a discussion, you are advised to sort the list of potential participants based on the number of 'Current Assignments' being handled by each user as per below. This is because the list will contain a large number of support users that do not handle assignments.



Video tutorial:-https://service.elsevier.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/29500/supporthub/publishing/

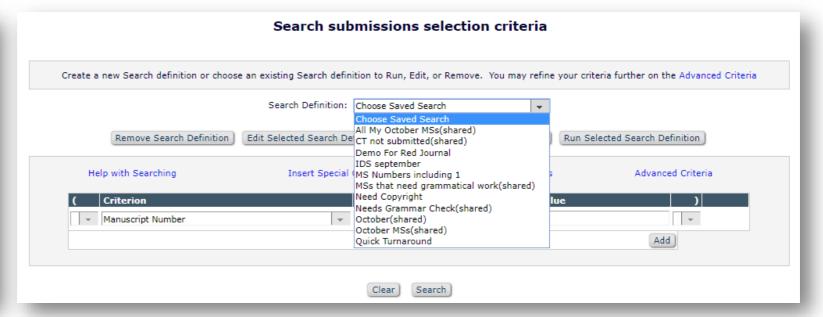
Discussion Forum



13. Quick Searches

When you complete a search you can choose to save the search by clicking the floppy disk icon in the far left hand side of the search results screen. It will then appear as a link on your home page in the left hand side as shown below. This search is not static and will pull in additional papers with the search criteria chosen in the search if clicked on in the future.

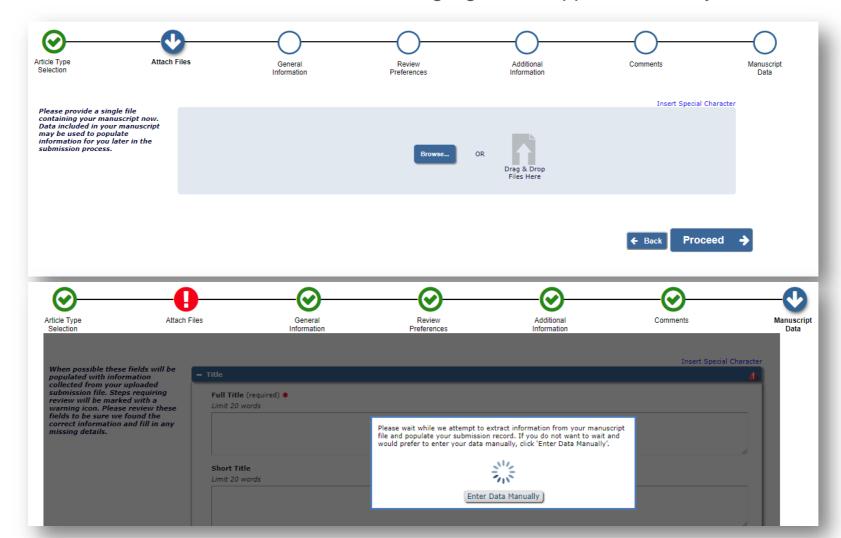




Video Tutorial: https://vimeo.com/album/3537271/video/174858806

14. Author Interface

- EM offers a user friendly author submission interface.
- If features the automatic extraction of data from a Title Page or Manuscript File (etc.) to auto-populate certain fields so authors can save time and there are clear warning signs for skipped mandatory items.



15. Inter Journal Resource Sharing (IJRS)

- IJRS stands for Inter Journal Resource Sharing. This provides journals with the option to share reviewer databases across their Editorial Manager submission sites. If IJRS is available the editor will see an option to 'Search another Publication' in their reviewer selection summary screen. From the drop-down menu the editor can then select the name of the journal in which they would like to search for reviewers.
- If editors would like to have the option to search across another Elsevier journal which
 uses Editorial Manager they can do so by requesting this from their Publisher.

