



Guidance for review

Purpose of Review:

WPRN21 is embarking on a journey towards a new process for expert feedback and quality assurance in research through peer-review. With the amount of papers submitted to journals and conferences steadily increasing, the workload associated with the traditional format of peer-review has many editors and reviewers struggling. WPRN21 will therefore use a community-based review process, where contributing authors also have to share their expertise in the field to provide feedback on the work of others.

Reviews at WPRN21 do not follow the traditional accept/reject format. Reviewers are asked to provide a general assessment of the paper and its contribution, and should provide commentary and/or suggest improvements the authors could make.

Authors will then have the opportunity to revise their submissions and provide a response to reviewers. Final paper will be published together with the original reviews. Reviews will not be anonymous for WPRN21, allowing reviewers to be part of the conversation around papers, and to receive credit for their reviewing activities, as well as to ensure the respectful and communal spirit of WPRN.

Papers must not be longer than 8 pages using the [paper template](#), but may be shorter. Please consider in your review that the contribution of a shorter, more focused paper is different from a longer one.

Main points for review:

- The primary criterion for judging a submission for WPRN21 is: Does this paper make a contribution to our understanding of the societal impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic? A contribution can take many different shapes; it could be empirical, methodological, conceptual, etc.
- Reviews will form an integral part of the paper; writing clearly, coherently and in good form in the review is just as important as in the paper. Very short reviews can be frustrating for authors as they do not help them to improve their work. A high-quality review usually is between one and one and a half pages of text. The easiest way to make sure you produce a helpful review is imagining what level of feedback you would like to see yourself for your work.

Accessibility & Support:

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