

CONSTRUCTIVE PEER REVIEW

A useful peer review should help editors make an informed decision and help authors improve their work.



A Good Review Should Be

Specific	Identify precisely what requires attention.
Evidence-Based	Explain why a particular issue matters.
Constructive	Where possible, suggest how concerns could be addressed.
Respectful	Critique the research, not the researcher.
Proportionate	Distinguish major methodological concerns from minor presentation issues.

Example

INSTEAD OF:

"The methodology is poor."

CONSIDER:

"The manuscript would benefit from further explanation of how participants were selected and why this sampling approach was appropriate for the research question."

THE GOLDEN RULES OF PEER REVIEW

- ★ Assess the research, not the researcher.
- ★ Challenge the evidence, not the authors.
- ★ Be rigorous, fair, constructive, and specific.