

Guidelines for Reviewers

As with all peer-review journals, it is vital to perform the quality control of reviewing submitted manuscripts. Without the knowledge of specialists, we could not fulfill our mission. We are very grateful to our Reviewers for the time and effort they spend evaluating manuscripts for **Open Linguistics**.

GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

While preparing the reports, we ask our Referees to:

- Comment on the novelty and originality of the work;
- Evaluate the interest to the researcher's community;
- Comment on awareness and discussion of related work in the field;
- Comment on the significance to the field, potential impact of the work, conceptual or methodological advances;
- Evaluate study design and clarity;
- Comment on the evidence supporting claims and conclusions;
- Comment on the methodology;
- Evaluate the clarity and explicitness of presentation.

Please note that accepted papers will undergo language editing by native English speakers. Incorrect grammar, style or punctuation does not constitute sufficient reason to reject a paper if it is intelligible for the reviewer and its content warrants publication from a scientific point of view.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Please do not distribute copies of the manuscript or use results contained in it without the authors' permission. However, please feel free to show it to knowledgeable colleagues and to consult them about the review. Suggestions for alternative referees are helpful to the editors and would be appreciated.

SPECIFIC EXPECTATIONS

Research Papers - manuscripts submitted to the journal should:

- contain original work which is not published elsewhere in any medium by the authors or anyone else.
- conform to the core aims and scope of the journal
- be clearly and concisely written - containing all of the essential components of a scientific paper
- be written in a clear, easy-to-understand manner, and should be brief while presenting a coherent and well-supported argument.

Review Articles - should contain the most significant results of the subject under review. All reviews for **Open Linguistics** should be scientifically accurate, should describe the most relevant and recent contributions to the field, should discuss the subject matter competently, and have adequate citations that do not overlook important contributions of other researchers.

Position Papers – should present one side of an opinion on a specific issue. The opinion should be valid and defensible. All sides of the issue should be addressed and presented comprehensibly.

Squibs – should be a short article raising an important problem, arguing for or against a claim, pointing out the consequences of given position. A squib may or may not solve the problem.

TECHNICALITIES

Please provide your report before the specified deadline or inform the Editor as soon as possible if you are not able to do so. You can submit your review via the online submission system Editorial Manager at <http://www.editorialmanager.com/opli/> or email to the Editorial Office of this journal. In specific cases (upon special arrangement with the Editor) reports can be returned as a hard copy via mail or fax.