WebmedCentral Lead Faculty: Roles and Responsibilities

WebmedCentral Lead Faculties are eminent scientists and clinicians who are overall in charge of post publication peer review on their speciality page on WebmedCentral. They ensure that their speciality is managed effectively on the portal by ensuring reviews on all articles and communicating with authors as needed. They will be expected to familiarise themselves with portal functionalities, believe in the concept of post publication peer review, and be supportive of open access.

They will ensure that WebmedCentral continues to be an open and transparent communication tool for biomedical scientists across the globe and keeps pace with the changing needs of science and scientists. WebmedCentral will, in turn, publicly acknowledge their contribution on our portal. They will be able to freely recommend faculties in their speciality. They will also be able to publish three articles for free on WebmedCentral every year. The appointment of lead faculties will be typically for duration of two years. The period may be extended further or terminated at the sole discretion of WebmedCentral management.

Following is a brief summary of the current roles and responsibilities of WebmedCentral Lead Faculty

1. WebmedCentral Lead Faculties are in charge of ensuring that every article gets a thorough post publication peer review on the portal.
2. Each article on WebmedCentral is assigned to a lead faculty, who then ensure it is reviewed by WebmedCentral Faculty/Scholarly Reviewers/Author suggested reviewers/WebmedCentral Reviewer Database.
3. They will be able to submit suitable articles for consideration of publication on *plus* in near future.
4. Ensure WebmedCentral moves on with times and continues to be an important tool for transparent scientific communications for all biomedical scientists.
5. Participate in discussions/meetings upon request by WebmedCentral.
6. We expect our Lead Faculties to actively promote WebmedCentral in their professional circles.

Webmed's Publication policy

Webmed publishes articles under two different models on its twin portals: **WMC (WebmedCentral)** and *plus* (aka **WebmedCentral** *plus*, soon to be launched).

On **WMC**, we publish a range of articles without any prepublication peer review in virtually every [biomedical discipline](). We aim to publish all articles within 48 hours of submission. All but the clearly irrelevant and unscientific work is published. **WMC** encourages scientists and readers to submit their reviews on the published material freely. We reserve the right to remove any inappropriate reviews. We also ask our reviewers about their credentials in the field so that our readers may judge the information accordingly. All the information supplied to us is dealt in accordance with our [privacy policy](). If any article which is obviously flawed or unscientific or harmful comes to your notice, please [contact us]() and your concerns will be dealt with appropriately.

plus (soon to be launched), on the other hand, will only publish articles after editorial checks and peer reviews. Please watch the space for further details on *plus.* We are currently recruiting editorial team for *plus.*

Webmed's Peer review policy:

With its twin portals (**WMC and** *plus*) with different approaches to peer review, Webmed is attempting to offer a unique choice to scientists to publish their research on the platform suitable for it. Those who value the freedom to be able to publish without any prior editorial and peer screening will value what **WMC** offers. It provides scientists with a low cost, rapid, transparent system of publishing in a climate of open post publication peer review and debate. It overcomes many difficulties posed by the traditional prepublication peer review system, which may at times hinder transparent scientific communication, delay the publication process and add to the cost of publishing. There is also a possibility of inherent bias within it leaving manuscripts at the mercy of editors and reviewers. **WMC** has full faith in the honesty and integrity of the scientific community and we at **WMC** firmly believe that most researchers and authors who have something to contribute should have an opportunity to do so. Each piece of research will then find its own place in scientific literature based on its merit.

WMC publishes under a novel method of post publication peer review, which is author driven and controlled by our team of faculty and advisors. Post publication peer review is provided by **WMC** faculties, **WMC** scholarly reviewers, external reviewers on our database, author suggested reviewers, other reviewers invited by our Lead Faculties and probably most significantly, also our readers.

Authors would be given every opportunity to respond to the reviews using Authors' comment section and the readers would have full access to the entire communiqué. Our intention is to generate a healthy debate on each published work. Authors may also submit revised versions of articles with additional information to satisfy queries raised, if they so wish. This will ensure that manuscripts never become outdated. We hope this would not only make the peer-review process more transparent and comprehensive, but also overcome the inherent delays and cost associated with the traditional publication process.

plus (soon to be launched), on the other hand, will publish articles after editorial checks and peer reviews. This is our effort to include scientists who value publication in a pre publication peer review model for their specific needs. It will also help **WMC** articles of suitable standard find entry into mainstream accepted literature.

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