

Survey 6: Peer Review

You are a postdoc in the laboratory of Dr. Strauss. Dr. Strauss has been asked to review a manuscript, which she has now handed to you for your comments. When you ask if she has notified the journal editor that you will be reviewing the manuscript, she replies that there is no need to do so because sharing the responsibility of manuscript review is common practice.

1. Based on this information, should you agree to review the manuscript? Yes No
2. Would reviewing the manuscript without notifying the journal editor be unethical? Yes No

Find at least one investigator who is willing to give you a few minutes of his/her time to talk about the process of manuscript review. Please use the scale below to ask them about their own practice as well as their impressions of what constitutes “common practice” for each of the following. .

1	2	3	4	5
Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Frequently	Always

Without notifying the editor of the journal, the reviewer:

	Investigator	Common Practice
3. shares the manuscript with a student or colleague to obtain additional help with the review.	_____	_____
4. shares the manuscript and review with others as a means of training about the process of manuscript review.	_____	_____
5. shares the manuscript with others to keep them current with the latest research.	_____	_____
6. makes use of the contents of the submitted manuscript in his/her own research prior to publication of the article.	_____	_____

Please use the scale below to rank the level of your agreement or disagreement with each of the following statements.

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree

Without notifying the journal editor, reviewers should never

7. get help with the manuscript from a graduate student, postdoc, or faculty member. _____
8. use the manuscript review as a tool for training his/her students. _____
9. use the manuscript to keep his/her trainees and colleagues up-to-date. _____
10. make scientific use of the manuscript prior to its publication. _____

11. Someone who is asked to review a manuscript or proposal that is in an area central to their own area of research should decline because of the risk of bias. _____
12. Someone who is asked to review a manuscript or proposal from someone with whom they have a close personal or research relationship should decline because of the risk of bias. _____
13. Someone who is asked to review a manuscript or proposal from someone with whom they have a serious personal disagreement should decline because of the risk of bias. _____