

# **Instruction to Reviewers**

## **Initial Screening and Peer Review**

The journal editors initially read all submitted manuscripts. Only those manuscripts that seem to be inside the scope of *Biodesign* are sent out for peer review. Both research and review papers are sent to at least two referees who are carefully selected based on expertise, reputation and specific recommendations.

## **Conflict of Interest**

Reviewers are required to notify the editor for any conflict of interest or any other factor which may affect their independence, for example, in case that they have received a paper of a colleague or a direct competitor.

## **Anonymity**

Reviewers are anonymous by default. Reviewers' identities are not revealed to authors or to other reviewers unless reviewers specifically request to be identified by signing their names at the end of their comments.

## **Confidentiality**

Reviewers must treat the unpublished manuscripts in strict confidence and should not share any information regarding the submissions with other parties.

## **Evaluation**

To be accepted for publication in *Biodesign*, articles need to satisfy the following criteria.

1. The research results lies inside the journal scope (see Instruction to authors).
2. The research results have a significant scientific or technological impact.
3. Experiments and statistics are technically sound.
4. Conclusions are justified by the presented data.
5. The presented data have not been published elsewhere.
6. The research meets the ethical standards of scientific research (See Research Ethics).

## **Decision**

The responsible editor makes a decision of acceptance, revision, or rejection. Reviewers' comments along with the decision letter are sent to the authors without delay. In case of revision, the revised manuscript is sent to the reviewers again to ask their opinions, and the final decision made by the editor is sent to the authors.

## **Galley Proof and Publication**

The accepted manuscript is prepared for publication by copyeditors. The galley proof is approved by the authors before publication.