A quick guide to EASE publications

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- links to material that is freely available on the Internet, useful to authors of scientific articles
- aimed to increase authors’ confidence in writing and submitting articles
Module 2 of the Toolkit

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Very useful when planning a manuscript

EASE Toolkit for Journal Editors

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- 10 golden rules for journal editors
- publication ethics checklist
- standard retraction form
- EASE Statement on Inappropriate Use of Impact Factors
- link to Paul Beverley’s free e-book Computer tools for editors and proofreaders, including over 450 macros
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<td>2. Make <strong>instructions to authors simple and understandable</strong>, and review them regularly.</td>
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<td>3. Ensure a <strong>fair peer review</strong> process (usually with 2-3 reviews, or more if necessary).</td>
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<td>4. Pay due attention to <strong>ethical issues</strong>: data fabrication or manipulation, plagiarism, authorship, conflict of interest, copyright, legislation, etc.</td>
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<td>5. <strong>Respect others</strong>: inform authors about progress and delays as soon as possible; do not overburden reviewers and authors.</td>
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<td>6. Do your best to ensure that publications are <strong>complete, concise, and clear</strong>, with appropriate methods and correct citations.</td>
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<td>8. Ensure <strong>safe long-term storage</strong> of publications and documentation of the editorial process.</td>
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<td>10. Perfection is impossible to reach, so <strong>common sense</strong> is necessary.</td>
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B - Big data and public health

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The term "Big Data" refers to volumes of large, complex, linkable information. Beyond genomics and other "omic" fields, Big Data includes medical, environmental, financial, geographic, and social media information. This swell of data will continue to grow. Big Data can improve health by providing insights into the causes and outcomes of disease, better drug targets for precision medicine, and enhanced disease prediction and prevention. But "Big Error" can plague Big Data. The combination of a strong epidemiologic foundation, robust knowledge integration, principles of evidence-based medicine, and an expanded translation research agenda can put Big Data on the right course.

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