

Providing input on a research team's draft manuscript



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1. Things to Consider While Reviewing

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No comment is too small	
Comments don't always need to be about something that needs to be changed. If you felt something was well written, let them know!	
Is the writing clear and easy to understand? Is there excessive jargon that gets in the way of clarity?	
Does what you read fit your lived experience? Why or why not?	
Are the word choices sensitive and appropriate?	
Does the writing make you think about any connections to your experiences or other work?	
Did you learn something new from what you read? Feel free to share it!	
Does the research make you think about possible ideas for future research to suggest?	

2. Other important points



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Consider how you would like to provide feedback - e.g., in writing, on a call or in a meeting, or some other way that works best for you

Critical feedback is just as or even more important than positive feedback. Don't worry about hurting feelings when suggesting things that could be changed. Researchers are trained to incorporate others' perspectives and to take comments to strengthen their work.

The team might not implement all the comments/changes. Consider asking why feedback is included or not. Keep in mind that sometimes there are sections that are required and cannot be changed substantially. Also, sometimes there are strict word count limits that the team is working with.

Questions you might want to ask the team:

- What sections of the manuscript are the greatest focus?
- What journal will this be submitted to? Sometimes the format and framing of the research will vary depending on the journal and the field.