

## Authors' perceptions of supplementary materials survey

### Welcome

**Thank you for participating in this short collaborative research survey about the role of supplementary material in journal articles.**

**All responses will be treated confidentially.**

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1. Which of the following types of supplementary material did you submit with your last manuscript (to any journal)?

	Yes	No	Cannot remember	Not applicable
Study protocol	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Data collection or extraction forms (including questionnaires, interview topic guides, etc)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Additional tables of data	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Additional figures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Completed checklists for the relevant reporting guidelines (e.g. CONSORT, STROBE, PRISMA, STARD, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Flow diagrams for the relevant reporting guideline	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Interview transcripts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Raw study data	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

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2. Thinking about the last manuscript you submitted, how much of a burden was it to prepare and upload the supplementary material for submission?

- Not at all burdensome
- A little bit burdensome
- Somewhat burdensome
- Very burdensome
- Extremely burdensome

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3. Which is your preferred option for providing the following types of supplementary material?

	To provide it as a supplementary file	To include it in the main text of the manuscript	To include it as a link within the manuscript to another website (e.g. your own website)	To not provide it
Study protocol	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Interview transcripts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Raw study data	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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4. From the perspective of an author, who is the following supplementary material most useful to?

	Journal editors	Peer reviewers	Readers
Study protocol	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Data collection or extraction forms (including questionnaires, interview topic guides, etc)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Additional tables of data	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Additional figures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Completed checklists for the relevant reporting guidelines (e.g. CONSORT, STROBE, PRISMA, STARD, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Interview transcripts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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5. What do you expect editors, reviewers and readers to do with the supplementary material?

	Read all of it routinely	Read some of it	Ignore it	It depends on the manuscript
Journal editors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Peer reviewers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Readers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Others (please specify)

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6. From the perspective of an author, what should happen to the following supplementary material when an article is published? (You may tick more than one box on each line).

	It should be published on the journal's website along with the article	It should be published on another website	It should be available by email from the authors	It doesn't need to be available
Study protocol	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Data collection or extraction forms (including questionnaires, interview topic guides, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional tables of data	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional figures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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7. Please provide any additional comments you have about the submission or publication of supplementary material:



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## Finally, a few questions about yourself

8. Approximately how many years have you been an active researcher?

Other (please specify)

9. Approximately how many research papers have you had published in a peer reviewed journal as either an author or a coauthor?

10. How frequently do you read articles in medical journals?

Very Frequently  Frequently  Occasionally  Rarely  Never

11. Would you like to receive a copy of the results of this study when it is complete?

Yes  No

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### Thank you, please now submit your response

Please click on "**Submit**" below to send us your responses.

You do not need to inform us that you have completed the survey as your email address is tied to your survey response. All participants will automatically be entered into the prize draw. This link will be removed when we analyse the data.

Thank you for your help.