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Springer extends online peer review system

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Springer Science+Business Media will expand Editorial Manager, its online peer review system, to an additional 600 journals over the next two years. The expansion includes software that automatically links bibliographies of author-submitted manuscripts to *PubMed* and *CrossRef* during the peer review process. Also, author bibliographies will be automatically converted to Springer bibliography formats, and validated XML will be transferred to Springer's journal production system.

The new functionality will reduce the effort required by authors to format manuscripts for publication and will facilitate the editorial tasks undertaken by reviewers and editors. The linked bibliography provides a convenient way to assess the quality of the authors' citations and to "drill down" to explore cited literature. The end result is a higher quality authoring, editing, and reviewing experience for the scholarly community, combined with improvements in publication speed and efficiency.

Springer's journal production division will benefit from the implementation because the system does not require authors to pre-format the manuscript or use costly citation management software. Commenting on this approach, Arjan Grootenboer, Executive Vice President Production at Springer, said, "By embedding the software intelligence in the peer review system, we are making life easier for Springer authors. The linked bibliography is a great tool for reviewers and editors, and helps them to be more effective in assessing the manuscript. A rationalized workflow will also help us achieve shorter time to publication."

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Notes to Editors:

The Editorial Manager system is developed by Aries Systems Corporation of North Andover, MA, USA. The company has partnered with Inera Incorporated of Newton, MA, to integrate their eXtyles® heuristic-driven reference parsing, linking and cleanup tools into the peer review process.

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