Peer review history

Ms Title: Easing Into Open Science: A Guide for Graduate Students and Their Advisors

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**Editor first decision—Revise & Resubmit**

Oct 13, 2020

Dear Moin Syed,

I have now received all reviews of your manuscript, “Easing Into Open Science: A Guide for Graduate Students and Their Advisors” from qualified researchers. I also independently read the manuscript before consulting these reviews. I agree with the reviewers that this is overall a very useful paper that can give graduate students guidance on how to get started with open science practices. The reviews are overwhelmingly postive, but also note a few issues that need to be addressed. I therefore encourage you to submit a revised version for further consideration at Collabra: Psychology.

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In summary, I think this is a promising manuscript and, I hope you will revise it for further consideration at Collabra: Psychology. I look forward to receiving your revision. As this is a relatively minor revision, I anticipate that I will not need to send this out for review again, but will be able to make a decision on it myself.

Please ensure that your revised files adhere to our author guidelines, and that the files are fully copyedited/proofed prior to upload. Please also ensure that all copyright permissions have been obtained. This is the last opportunity for major editing, therefore please fully check your file prior to re-submission.

If you have any questions or difficulties during this process, please contact the editorial office at [editorialoffice@collabra.org](mailto:editorialoffice@collabra.org).

We hope you can submit your revision within the next six weeks. If you cannot make this deadline, please let us know as early as possible.

Sincerely,

Eunike Wetzel

**Reviewer 1**

**Open response questions**

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Best wishes, Amy Orben

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To the authors:

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One final minor note - In your section on preprints, I’d encourage readers to reach out to the editors they’re working with on when pre-prints can/should be shared. Journals may have policies about preprints, but at the end of the day, your handling editor makes the call on acceptance. I’ve seen some handling editors that are much more hostile to pre-prints than others, so it might help to check (I’ve gotten the “well this is no longer novel” response to a paper with a preprint).

Overall, I think this is a great overview of getting started in open science. I look forward to sharing this paper with people who ask me how they can get started so that I don’t have to explain anything myself.

Warm Regards, Charlie Ebersole University of Virginia

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**Author response**

Dec 3, 2020

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Dr. Eunike Wetzel

*Collabra: Psychology*

Re: “Easing Into Open Science: A Guide for Graduate Students and Their Advisors”

Dear Dr. Wetzel,

Thank you for the opportunity to revise and resubmit our manuscript for further consideration. We appreciate the helpful comments provided by you and the reviewers, and believe that the manuscript is much improved. We hope you agree and will find the manuscript suitable for publication.

We address each comment provided by you and the reviewers below. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you require clarification or additional information.

Respectfully,

AUTHORS

**Editor**

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Thank you to you and the reviewers for the positive response and constructive comments!

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Thank you for highlighting these important issues. We addressed each of these concerns below in response to the reviewer’s specific comments.

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We fully agree that not all claims and practices will apply completely to all aspects of psychology, let alone all of science. Indeed, that is one reason why we are very clear about the “selective approach” to open science, and what we emphasize the range of specific manifestations of the different practices. To address the reviewer’s concerns, we have included more text throughout highlighting the point that open science is relevant to all, but some aspects might be more relevant than others and that readers should take this into consideration.

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We appreciate these comments and have made extensive edits in this section to address them. Please see pp. 17-20 in the manuscript for revisions.

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We appreciate the reviewer bringing up this issue. We do not feel like this is the appropriate paper to weigh the merits of the different perspectives on preregistration, but we do think it is important for readers to be aware of the different views. Thus, we have briefly referenced the debates at the beginning and referred readers to relevant sources.

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We agree that this phrasing was opaque, and have removed this phrase in favor or a clearer explanation. Regarding the claim that “doubt was cast,” that sentence includes a citation to Vazire (2017) who very nicely covers the issue. As this is the first paragraph in which we are laying out the broad issues (that we unpack later), we feel this is sufficient.

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This is an important point. We have edited the “Why Do Open Science” section to introduce this idea, and have also come back to it when talking about individual practices.

“It is important to note that different practices will make sense to prioritise depending on your planned career, and so it is important to think critically about which practices you’d like to engage with. Many of the practices we outline help with project organization (project workflow, data sharing, reproducible code), and therefore efficiency in the long term, which is beneficial to careers inside and outside of academia.”

Journal club section:

“More generally, organising a journal club and presenting are both transferable skills for most jobs.”

Project organization section:

“Having an organised workflow is beneficial in most jobs, as well as in your everyday life - no more scribbled shopping lists on scrap pieces of paper!”

Preprints section:

“Using preprints in this way can be useful if you choose not to stay in academia and do not get a chance to publish your research, but would still like to get it out there.”

Reproducible code section:

“Also, if you ever need to code for a non-academic job (e.g. in data science), it is likely this will be a lot more collaborative, and so it is good to practice annotating your code well from the beginning so that you can get used to it.”

Data sharing section:

“When applying for non-academic jobs involving data (e.g. data science), it can be useful to have an example of data that you have shared along with a codebook, to show that you are organised with your data.”

Transparent writing section:

“Writing transparently is a good skill to learn for other jobs that require communicating science truthfully - for example, science communication or journalism.”

Preregistration section:

“Going through this process can also make you better at inference, which would help in any research context (not just in academia).”

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Introduction:

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We have now clarified this in the introduction and conclusion.

Introduction:

“All in all, there are many benefits—and few drawbacks—to engaging in open science practices. However, in a constantly changing research culture it is difficult to say for certain what these benefits and drawbacks are. We have attempted to cautiously make an assessment of the research culture as it is now, but we cannot predict which direction this will go in. It seems that open science practices are becoming increasingly widely adopted, and that (for those who wish to stay in academia) it can make sense to invest in these practices now, as they are increasingly becoming a part of decisions with regards to publication and hiring, etc. However, engaging in open science practices (e.g. transparent manuscript writing, sharing data) *can* make you easier to criticise than your peers who do not engage with them. For this reason, it is a very personal choice which practices you engage with and when. For some, the “moral” reasons to practice open science outweigh any possible risks, others do not perceive there to be risks, and for others the perceived risks outweigh the benefits or moral reasons. What we hope to be able to do is to at least make clear where worries are unfounded (e.g. worries that are just myths or that are easily remedied), so that you can make an informed decision.”

Conclusion:

“But remember, engaging in any of these practices is a personal decision that only you can make in a constantly changing research culture.”

**One final minor note - In your section on preprints, I’d encourage readers to reach out to the editors they’re working with on when pre-prints can/should be shared. Journals may have policies about preprints, but at the end of the day, your handling editor makes the call on acceptance. I’ve seen some handling editors that are much more hostile to pre-prints than others, so it might help to check (I’ve gotten the “well this is no longer novel” response to a paper with a preprint).**

We have now included this:

“To alleviate any remaining anxieties, if you know the journal that you wish to submit to you can contact the editor directly in order to get in writing whether preprints of the work are allowed before submission to the journal.”

**Overall, I think this is a great overview of getting started in open science. I look forward to sharing this paper with people who ask me how they can get started so that I don’t have to explain anything myself.**

Thank you, we look forward to you sharing it, too, and are happy to save you some work!

**Editor final decision**

**Dec 8, 2020**

Dear Moin Syed,

I have now had a chance to read over your manuscript “Easing Into Open Science: A Guide for Graduate Students and Their Advisors”, along with the letter describing the changes you made. Thank you for your responsiveness to the concerns that the reviewers and I raised. I am happy to say that your paper is now officially accepted for publication in Collabra: Psychology. Congratulations on this excellent work, I think it will make an important contribution to the literature and I look forward to seeing it published! I hope your experiences with Collabra: Psychology have been positive and that you will continue to consider it as an outlet for your work.

As there are no further reviewer revisions to make, you do not have to complete any tasks at this point. Our managing editor will contact you in case there are any pre-prodution file related questions. You will have an opportunity to check the page proofs before we publish your article. Thank you again for publishing in Collabra: Psychology.

Sincerely, Eunike Wetzel