



Guide for talking about Society

Info for speaking to potential new users

- The volume of new preprints can be daunting and researchers may struggle with knowing where to start. Society is somewhere expert groups and individuals evaluate and highlight the most significant preprints
- Society brings together expert evaluations of papers in one place. We collaborate with recognised communities like eLife, PREREVIEW, Biophysics Colab, and ASAPbio to ensure thorough and reliable evaluation of preprints
- On Society you can engage with the community by organising, commenting on and highlighting noteworthy preprints
- Free to use and open to anyone at any career stage; you don't need years of experience to use and contribute to Society. A useful tool for researchers everywhere

Features you may want to highlight and their benefits

Feature	Benefit
Search for preprints and evaluations by expert groups (<i>currently preprints from BioRxiv, MedRxiv, Researchgate, SciELO anything from EuropePMC are searchable on Society</i>)	Keep up to date with the latest preprints and expert evaluations without having to visit multiple websites – you can access it on Society all in one place
Create your own lists of the preprints you find interesting and share them with your networks	Sort your lists in any way that suits you, whether it's on a particular topic or articles to come back to later
Follow the lists and activity of groups who are actively reviewing preprints	Keep up to date with the saved research and reviews from a respected group of researchers, straight to your inbox
Browse lists of related articles to the ones you are interested in	Spend less time searching for articles to read on your chosen subject area



Info for interested new groups (i.e. societies)

'Groups' on Society represent various preprint evaluation initiatives. If you speak with an interested group representative and they'd like to learn more, please ask them to contact Shane at s.alsop@elifesciences.org.

- Preprint evaluation and version history is scattered across preprint servers, journals and self-hosted websites. On Society different groups can evaluate the same preprint and share these reviews for readers – unlike in the current journal model
- Publishing systems built on traditional models are not able to keep up with the pace of technology. Society offers free, open, scalable infrastructure for research review and curation. A ready to use set of free tools to review, curate and showcase your research. Groups using Society can then avoid having to maintain their own publishing and web tools
- Evaluating preprints takes time, and it's important to know who's engaging with your work. Society provides you with rich, interactive data dashboards to give you an overview of your curation activity. Explore the data to see where you're having the most impact, and monitor your group's influence as it evolves over time
- Keep up with the growing number of preprints being published in your field. You might see new preprints coming across your desk, or you might follow bots on Twitter that post about the latest research. Society combines all these sources into powerful AI assisted article recommendations to help you decide what to review next, based on preprints you've previously engaged with

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Free, open source infrastructure to replace journals and reviewing systems	Society (and Kotahi) can support PRC and other progressive publishing models out-of-the-box for free and with support and guidance.
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Groups can personalise their page to feature a specific list	Create a custom space on the web to showcase your preprint highlighting and review activity
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