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Open Review at QC

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At ...*Qualitative...Criminology* (QC), [our values](#) guide how we take submissions, review them, and publish them. We value openness, innovation, inclusivity, democracy, efficiency, authenticity, and transparency.

Those values led QC to do [open peer review](#): authors are not anonymous; referees are strongly encouraged to sign their reviews; and, reviews are published on [CrimRxiv](#)—criminology’s open archive.¹

To date, however, we have not facilitated “[open participation](#)”: reviews by the wider community, not just people selected by the journal as referees. To be clear, it has been (and still is) possible to do [post-publication review](#), but that is true for any published paper.²

What has not been possible, at least not as part of the QC review process, is open participation in pre-publication review. One problem stands—or, rather, stood—in the way: When QC receives a paper for publication consideration, it has not been made public. Without that, open participation is handcuffed.

From now on, therefore, papers will be submitted to QC via CrimRxiv.³ The details are on our [How To Submit](#) page and [our dedicated CrimRxiv page](#).

That change solves the aforementioned problem and thereby enables open participation in pre-publication review. Furthermore, it increases the sharing of preprints and the concomitant benefits to authors, the field, and public.⁴ All of this promotes our values. Please join us in putting them into action.

Footnotes

1. To learn more about open peer review, go [here](#). ↵
2. To learn more about post-publication review, go [here](#). ↵
3. Papers submitted to QC before May 26, 2021, will be received for review using the prior submission instructions. They are archived on [this page](#). ↵
4. To learn more about the utility of sharing preprints, go [here](#). ↵