### EasyChair

Online submission and peer review system

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### What is EasyChair?

EasyChair is a web-based conference management software system. [1][2] It has been used since 2002 in the scientific community for tasks such as organising research paper submission and review. In 2012, EasyChair began offering an open access online publication service for conference proceedings.

https://easychair.org/



### Sign up for account

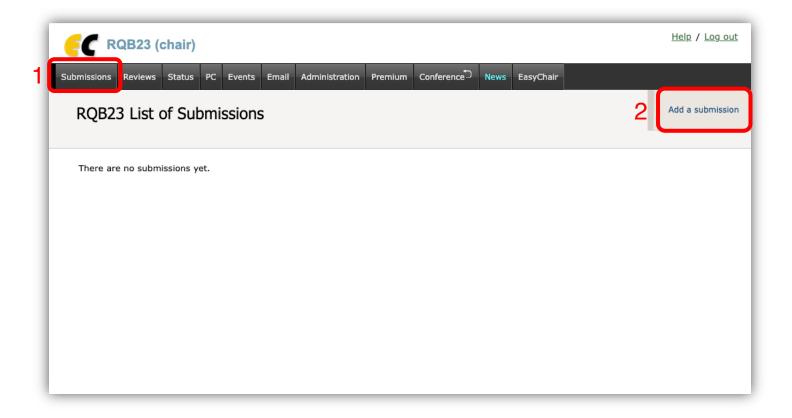
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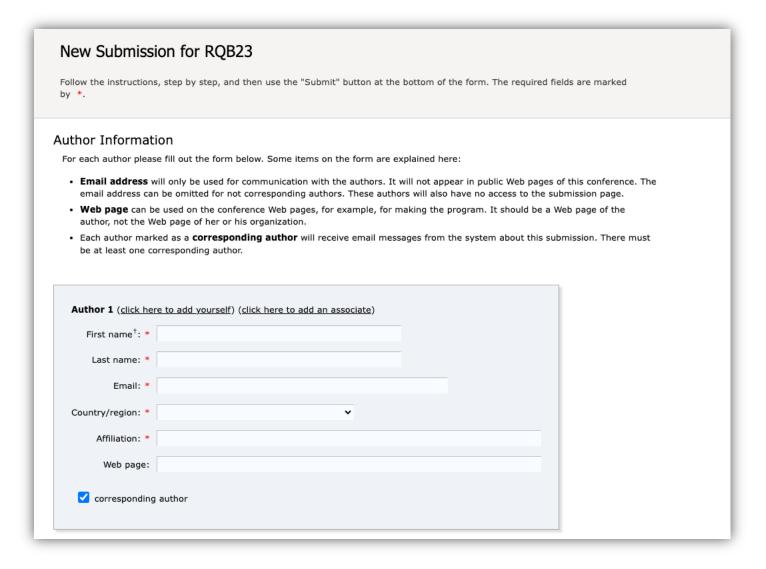
 If you did an individual paper, please give me the name/email of your advisor or person from your lab who will review it

### Submitting your paper

Only one person per group needs to submit the paper



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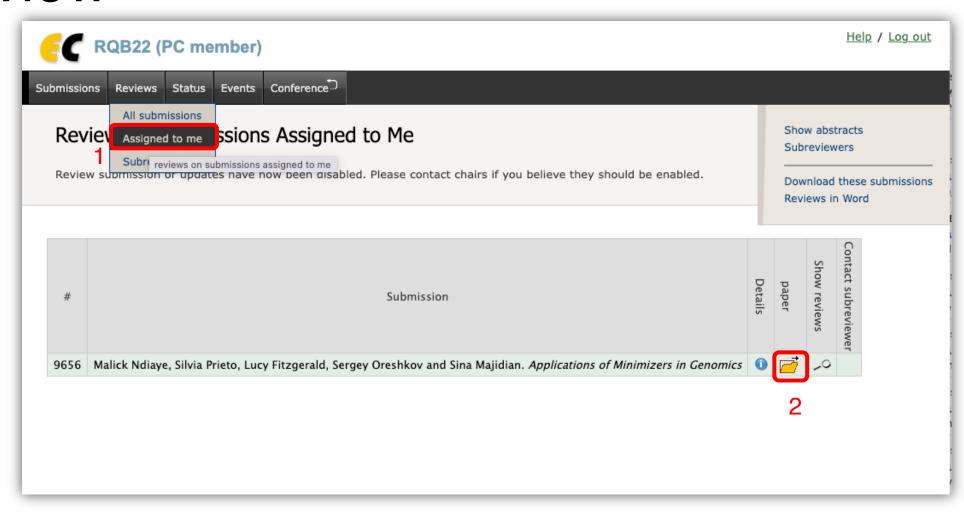


 All group members should be corresponding authors

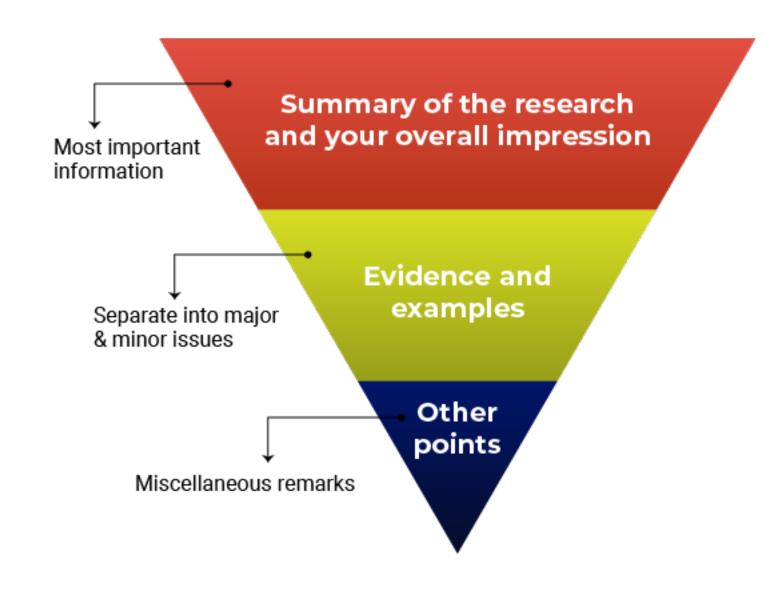
#### Assignment of papers for peer review

I will assign you 2 papers from other groups to peer review

## Access paper assigned to you for peer review



- See here for some instructions:
- https://docs.google.com/document/d/1r3rw2fqL70djRl4WzTF\_s 4T55nDJwMO7MZsGVpKWEQk/edit?usp=sharing
- https://plos.org/resource/how-to-write-a-peer-review/
- Optional (somewhat interesting read):
   <u>https://senseaboutscience.org/activities/peer-review-the-nuts-and-bolts-2/</u>
- Example of a peer review: <u>Example Review</u>





#### Do

- Justify your recommendation with concrete evidence and specific examples.
- Be specific so the authors know what they need to do to improve.
- Be thorough. This might be the only time you read the manuscript.
- Be professional and respectful. The authors will be reading these comments too.
- Remember to say what you liked about the manuscript!



#### Don't

- Recommend additional experiments or unnecessary elements that are out of scope for the study or for the journal criteria.
- Tell the authors exactly how to revise their manuscript—you don't need to do their work for them.
- Use the review to promote your own research or hypotheses.
- Focus on typos and grammar. If the manuscript needs significant editing for language and writing quality, just mention this in your comments.
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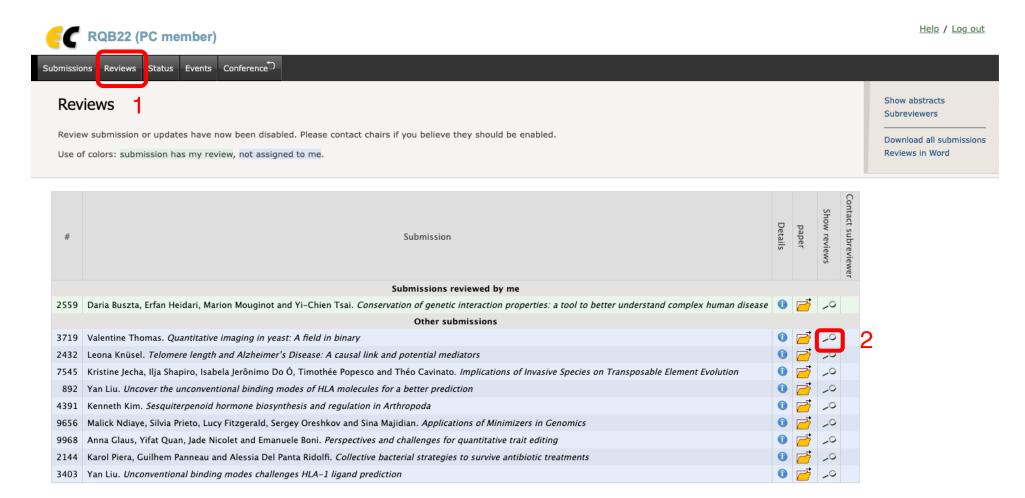
#### Reviewing review articles

A review article is written to summarize the current state of understanding on a topic, and peer reviewing these types of articles requires a slightly different set of criteria compared with empirical articles. Unless it is a systematic review/meta-analysis methods are not important or reported. The quality of a review article can be judged on aspects such as timeliness, the breadth and accuracy of the discussion, and if it indicates the best avenues for future research. The review article should present an unbiased summary of the current understanding of the topic, and therefore the peer reviewer must assess the selection of studies that are cited by the paper. As review article contains a large amount of detailed information, its structure and flow are also important.

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# Accessing the peer reviews for your paper



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