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As the founding Editor-in-Chief, and on behalf of our Editorial Board members and Associate Editors, I would like to extend a special thanks to our elite reviewers for their timely, thoughtful and exemplary approach to a time honored process that has its roots in the annals of science and medicine; a tenet that serves both as a bedrock and fabric for the scholarly exchange of ideas and the dissemination of knowledge among scientists—past, present and future.

The promotion of peer review and the practice of scientists independently evaluating each other's work dates back to the Royal Society and its establishment, in 1665, of the first peer reviewed scientific *journal*—*Philosophical Transactions* [1]. Despite having its critics, peer review in its most fundamental and purest form, is the best means available to subject scholarly work to the scrutiny of experts in the field who are qualified, experienced and fully expected by their peers and by the scientific community at large to perform an impartial and unbiased review. Indeed, an elite reviewer recognizes their important role in securing the integrity of published work and embraces the responsibility, not merely by providing a “yes or no” judgment of publishability, but through a dedicated, rigorous and constructive assessment of a study or experiment's purpose, methods, results, interpretation and translatability in a selected subject of inquiry.

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