

## ***Review Criteria for Opinion Articles***

Opinions are invitation-only articles from key experts and thought-leaders in the field. Opinions should provide a concise (4 page) and timely perspective on current or emerging topic areas that are generating significant interest. They should include a brief, objective introduction to the field to provide context, but focus mainly on the author's unique opinion on the topic and how it may develop in the future.

Opinions are subjected to critical review by the OMEEx editors, according to the criteria listed below.

### **Quality of Scientific/Technical Content**

Rather than novelty of results, editors will consider whether the Opinion paper provides valuable observations and discussion. Is the topic of current interest to researchers in the field? Does the paper provide a brief overview of the current status of the topic? Does it include thoughts on potential future developments? Will the paper be of interest to the community?

***Rating Options: Very high, High, Moderate, Low***

### **Overall Impact**

Editors will rate the overall impact of submitted papers assuming appropriate revisions are made. They will consider how likely the paper is to make an impact on the research field covered. Opinion papers can make an impact by informing researchers of new applications, by discussing important solutions to problems, by providing new insights, or by critiquing current methods or procedures.

***Rating Options: Very high, High, Moderate, Low***

### **Quality of Presentation**

Is the title accurate and does it clearly identify the subject matter? Is the abstract succinct and comprehensible to a non-specialist? Is the manuscript clearly written and logically organized? Are figures and tables understandable and readable as submitted, including all captions and labels? Is the quality of English language usage and grammar appropriate? If there is multimedia content, is it clearly presented and does it contribute to presentation of the research?

***Rating Options: Very high, High, Moderate, Low***