

## Information for Editors on Article Transfers at Karger Publishers

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### 1. What are article transfers?

As an Editor, you have invested significant effort in attracting submissions to your journal. Each submission reflects the authors' confidence in your journal's quality and reputation. Even when a submission is not quite right for your journal, you have a valuable opportunity to guide those authors towards success.

This is where our article transfers program comes in. It empowers you with greater control and choice over the fate of rejected articles, while allowing you to offer enhanced support to authors. By directing them to another Karger journal better suited to their work, you reciprocate the authors' trust, uphold your journal's standing, and support the wider academic community.

All Karger journals adhere to rigorous editorial policies and robust peer review processes, ensuring redirected articles receive the same thorough evaluation. As an Editor, you can transfer articles with confidence, knowing that the **same high-quality standards are upheld across the Karger portfolio**. The available options for transfer for your journal are carefully curated considering your journal's scope, standing in its field (e.g. selectivity criteria, impact metrics) and its strategic development needs (e.g. content coverage foci or gaps). This robust approach ensures that:

- Redirected articles find the most appropriate venue.
- The integrity and reputation of Karger's publications are maintained.
- Reviewer burden is minimized, as articles are transferred with existing peer reviews, if available.
- Authors receive valuable guidance and support.
- The broader scientific community benefits from efficient dissemination of research.

By utilizing the article transfers program, you not only maintain the quality and focus of your own journal but also contribute to the overall success of authors and the advancement of scientific knowledge across disciplines.

## 2. What are the benefits of article transfers?

Article transfers can **enhance the reputation** of your journal in several ways:

- **Maintaining journal scope:** Redirecting articles that are not the right fit for your journal helps maintain its focus, while still supporting valuable robust research in related fields.
- **Improved author experience:** By offering authors the option to transfer their article to a more suitable journal rather than outright rejection, you provide a better service and experience for authors. This can enhance your journal's reputation for being author-friendly and supportive.
- **Higher quality submissions:** By participating in a transfer network, your journal may receive high-quality articles that were originally submitted to an unsuitable journal. This can help to further strengthen the overall quality of your journal.
- **Increased submissions:** As authors become aware of your journal through the transfer process, it may lead to increased direct submissions in the future, potentially growing your journal's reach and impact.
- **Reduced reviewer burden:** Transferring articles with existing peer reviews reduces the need for repeated reviews of the same article. This helps alleviate reviewer fatigue and can enhance the reputation of your journal with reviewers.
- **Faster decision times:** Article transfers can speed up the overall peer review process by saving time and effort for both, authors and editors compared to outright rejection and re-submission. Faster decision times are attractive to authors and can enhance your journal's reputation for efficiency.
- **Strengthened relationships:** Participating in article transfer networks fosters collaboration between Karger journals and their communities. This collaborative approach can enhance your journal's reputation as a journal that cares about advancing scholarship in your field.

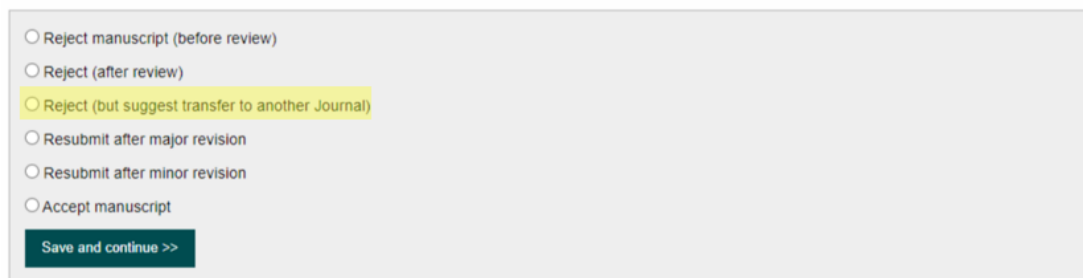
By strategically redirecting articles, you uphold your journal's integrity while supporting the dissemination of knowledge across the scientific community. This approach demonstrates editorial leadership and a commitment to excellence, showcasing your journal's dedication to author service and efficient publishing practices. Implementing an effective article transfer system enhances your journal's reputation both, within its specific community and in the broader scholarly publishing landscape, positioning it as a forward-thinking publication that values and supports the entire research ecosystem

### 3. How does the article transfer process work?

This is how our article transfers process works:

1. **Strategic transfer decision:** When you decide to reject an article, you have two options: reject it outright or, if the work is scientifically robust and may be better suited for another journal, recommend a transfer. Simply select "Reject (but suggest transfer to another journal)" to start guiding the article to a potential new home.

#### Select Decision



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2. **Tailored journal recommendation:** If there are alternative Karger journals that are suitable for the work and considering the type of article submitted, you will be presented with a pop-up banner which lists them. Your expertise is crucial here – please visit each journal's home page by clicking on the "Read more here" link and carefully review its aims, scope, and other relevant factors to identify the best fit. Once you have selected the most appropriate journal, click "Continue" to send the transfer recommendation to the authors.

#### Suggest a journal for transfer

You are about to reject but suggest a transfer to a related journal. Select the most appropriate journal from the list below that considers this manuscript type.

Your suggestion

- Biomedicine Hub ([Read more here](#))
- Fetal Diagnosis and Therapy ([Read more here](#))
- Medical Principles and Practice ([Read more here](#))
- Respiration ([Read more here](#))

Cancel

Continue

3. **Empowering author choice:** The submitting author receives the decision letter by email, which includes the transfer recommendation link. Clicking this link directs them to a page displaying your suggested journal as the default selection, along with any additional alternative journals, if available. This transparent process respects author autonomy by allowing them to either accept your recommended transfer option, choose an alternative Karger journal from the offered selection or decline the transfer offer without any obligation. Authors retain full freedom to submit their work elsewhere if they prefer, ensuring that the final decision always rests with them.

## Transfer manuscript

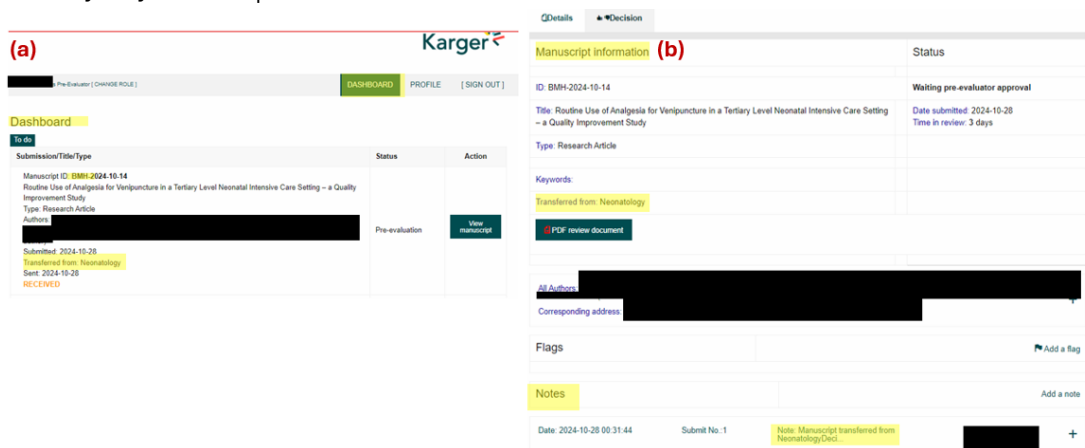
Your manuscript has been rejected, but a transfer to another journal has been suggested.

Please confirm the journal you wish to transfer to and accept or decline at the button of this page.

- Biomedicine Hub ( [Read more here](#) )
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Decline transfer
Accept transfer

4. **Seamless transfer:** When authors accept a transfer offer, their submission details, article, and any existing peer review information are efficiently transferred to the chosen journal's submission system. An article transfer recommendation **does not guarantee acceptance** by the receiving journal. The receiving journal conducts its **independent evaluation and peer review process**, with the final decision on acceptance or rejection resting solely with its editor. This ensures that while we facilitate the transfer, each journal maintains its **editorial independence**.
5. **Independent evaluation:** If an article is transferred into your journal, you will be able to see where it was transferred from, both in your journal Dashboard (a) and on the manuscript itself (b) in Manuscript Manager. Evaluate transferred articles against the same quality, integrity and robustness criteria you would for standard submissions to your journal. The final decision to accept or reject the article is entirely at your independent discretion.



**(a) Dashboard**

Submission/Title/Type	Status	Action
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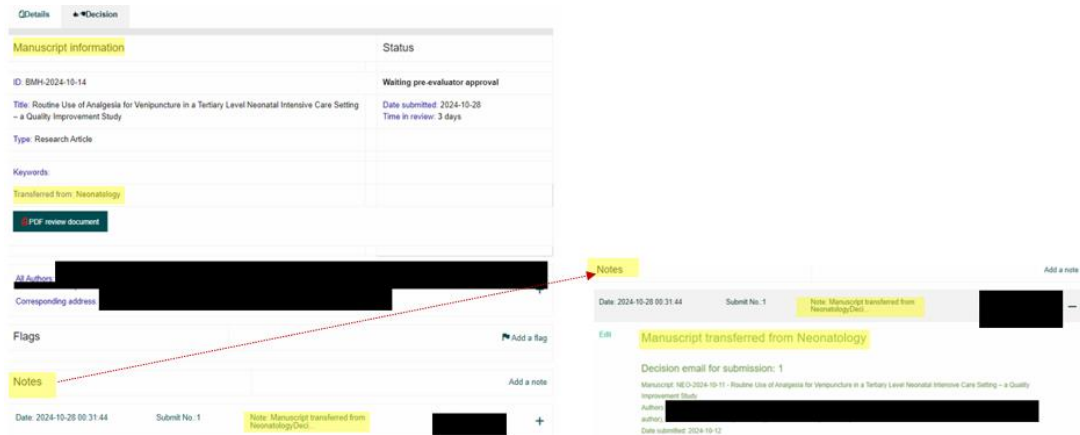
**(b) Manuscript information**

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In some transfer cases, there may be associated review reports from the original peer review. Any available review reports will be visible in the article "Notes" field associated with the manuscript.

Please consider these review reports when evaluating the transferred article for consideration in your journal and they may contribute to the final decision on the

article, where you deem appropriate. By considering existing reviews, you reduce reviewer burden and provide a final decision to the authors in a timely manner.



## 4. FAQs

### How are the available options for article transfers decided for my journal?

The available transfers options for your journal are carefully curated to ensure they are optimised to your journal's scope, standing in its field (e.g. selectivity criteria, impact metrics) and its strategic development needs (e.g. content coverage foci or gaps). These are regularly reviewed and updated for all journals across the Karger editorial portfolio to ensure they are aligned with journal's evolving needs and article types considered, while providing authors the most relevant options to find the best home for their work. Your Publication Manager will communicate updates as they arise and discuss additional strategic recommendations you may have.

### Will my journal start to receive transferred articles?

Your journal may start to receive transferred articles from other journals, if it is identified as a transfer option and if an author decides to accept the transfer. Transferred articles will appear in your Manuscript Manager Dashboard for you to action as usual. Please evaluate transferred articles against the same quality, integrity and robustness criteria you would for standard submissions to your journal. The final decision to accept or reject the article is entirely at your independent discretion.

### Can authors transfer to more than one journal?

Articles can only be considered by one journal at a time. If authors receive more than one transfer option, they will be asked to select the one that is most appropriate for their article.

### **Will authors have to pay to publish?**

There is no cost for using the article transfer process, however, standard article page charges may apply. Additionally, if the journal they are transferring the article to is fully Open Access, publication may be subject to an article publishing charge (APC). APCs **vary by journal** and can depend on the type of article.

Karger has established a broad range of partnerships with institutions and funders around the world to support authors who wish to publish open access. Discounts are also available to researchers based in lower income economies. Find out about **open access publishing support**.