

DATA IN BRIEF

Elsevier is starting a new initiative for Cardiovascular Pathology called Data In Brief. At the end of September, CVP will be giving authors the opportunity to co-submit a data article alongside their research article. This data article is later published in the journal Data in Brief.

Here's how it works:

At the research article revision stage, authors will be given the option to convert some of their supplementary data into a data article which gets published in the **open access, cross-disciplinary journal, Data in Brief**. This gives authors a chance to publish a second peer-reviewed article, which will be more discoverable and citable than supplementary data at the end of their research paper. The data article in Data in Brief and the research article in CVP will cite each other and directly link to each other so the data article is still as easy to find as supplementary files. It's a win-win for authors, and for the journal.

Data in Brief overview in short:

- Place to describe datasets in any scientific discipline.
- Data articles are purely descriptive and do not provide functional data nor interpretation.
- Data articles are intended to facilitate data reuse and reproducibility
- All data described must be made publicly available: with the article or in a public repository
- All authors fill in a standard data article template (<https://www.elsevier.com/dib-template>)
 - o Specifications Table with direct link to data
 - o Value of the Data
 - o Materials and Methods

What this will mean for CVP:

- In the manuscript revision letter, authors are invited to convert their supplementary material into a data article (completely optional) and informed about the open access fee to publish in Data in Brief. **(The Open Access fee for Data in Brief is \$500.)**
- Interested authors complete the Data in Brief template and submit it directly with their revised manuscript (so it is available for peer review as support to the revised manuscript)
- Editors and reviewers of your journal are explicitly told that they are not required to review/edit this data article (via EES letters), but may need to look at it to find supporting information (same as supplementary data). It is independently reviewed by Data in Brief's editorial board and reviewers.

- If the manuscript is accepted, the data article is sent directly to Data in Brief for independent editorial review (thereby not utilizing any or your editors); any necessary revisions to the DIB are requested of the authors by the Data in Brief Editors.

Benefits:

- Data which was once behind a subscription paywall is now open access
- Data is given important context because authors have to follow the Data in Brief template
- Link from the data article drives more traffic to the research article
- Research article gets an extra citation

Data in Brief is to have its own Editorial Board. It's a large editorial board due to the broad scope of the journal.

The Editors-in Chief (EICs) are:

- Hao-Ran Wang ,Broad Institute, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA
- Ganhui Lan, George Washington University, Washington, District of Columbia, USA

Here is the full list: <https://www.journals.elsevier.com/data-in-brief/editorial-board>

The EICs are seeking representatives from pathology and cardiology. They are looking for younger researchers (postdocs are excellent candidates). If you'd like to invite someone from the CVP ed board or from your institution, Here is a brief description of the editorial board functions:

“The papers you would be handling as Editor are much shorter than a traditional journal article (typically only a few pages long) and are generally less taxing on your already-busy schedule. You would only be assigned papers within your subject area, and you may specify the maximum number of papers you would like to handle at any time. [Here is a link to the full board member guidelines, hosted on Google Drive.](#)

All that is needed to apply is affiliation details (including position currently held) and, from this Google Drive sheet, which subject fields you would feel confident in handling.

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