

Peer-Review Guidelines *Journal of Hematology Oncology Pharmacy (JHOP)*

Target audience: Hematology Oncology Pharmacists

In general, use specific comments: general comments, such as “a great article,” are not helpful unless explained. All articles are edited for grammar and style, so focus on substance. Be clear: don’t leave any room for guessing or misinterpretation. A good review ranges from 1 to 2 pages. Do NOT use artificial intelligence to aid your review.

1. Your main goal is to ensure that all statements of fact are correct and supported by reference citations. For example, if the authors say, “X and Y drugs are contraindicated,” make sure they are indeed contraindicated. If not, tell the authors they are not. Drug-related information must be up to date, not from 2-3 years ago.

2. Be specific. Statements such as “not a significant contribution,” or “clinically unimportant” are not useful unless you explain the reasons why this is so.

3. Suggest specific ways to correct things if the article has merit but requires modifications.

4. Key questions to consider: Perspective article

- Is the manuscript appropriate for *JHOP*?
- Is the reasoning clearly explained?
- Are any cited data valid and clear?
- If any Tables, Figures or images are included, are they appropriate and clear? Do they support the text?
- Are the conclusions supported by the text?
- Are any important areas of discussion omitted?

5. References. Are references up-to-date, with citations supporting all statements of fact? Authors should provide the most recent references available post-2012 (except for “classic” sources). Are any key references missing? Are the references in consecutive order?

6. Prioritize your comments. It helps to know what major issues should be addressed, and what comments are less critical to the acceptance of the article.

7. Be respectful of the authors, but don’t “spare” them. Scholarship is not easy and criticism is not pleasant to receive. So be critical, but respectful. Don’t be afraid to provide negative comments, but concrete suggestions on how to fix things are most useful. Make your comments the way you would want to receive criticism.

Thank you!