EDITORIAL

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Outstanding Reviewers for *RSC Advances* in 2024

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of *RSC Advances*' reviewers for helping to preserve quality and integrity in chemistry literature. We would also like to highlight the Outstanding Reviewers for *RSC Advances* in 2024.

Each one of our outstanding peer reviewers has been carefully selected by our editorial team, and the list includes active researchers who have made significant contributions to peer review and have gone above and beyond in their actions. In recognition of the varied contributions of our reviewer community, our Outstanding Reviewers from 2024 have been chosen based on several different measures, including the number, timeliness, and quality of the reports completed during 2024. We also highlight reviewers who have provided exceptionally thorough and detailed reports, as well as reviewers who have made additional efforts to aid authors in improving their manuscripts.

We would also like to direct a special thanks to the members of the *RSC Advances* Reviewer Panel for their hard work and dedication, and the valuable contribution they have made to the journal. The Reviewer Panel is a key part of our commitment to deliver rigorous and fair peer review and ensures that manuscripts are handled by experts throughout the peer review process. We are proud to work with these individuals and recognise their crucial role for the journal.

RSC Advances strives to represent the diversity of the chemistry community, and we would like our reviewer community to reflect that. We are always looking to improve the diversity of our reviewer community in all its forms, and welcome applications for new reviewers through the Royal Society of Chemistry's Become a Reviewer (**https://www.rsc.org/journals-books-databases/author-and-reviewer-hub/reviewer-information/how-to-become-a-reviewer/**) page.

In 2024 we introduced co-review to *RSC Advances*. Co-review enables early-career researchers to develop their skills in peer review through collaboration with an experienced colleague. It gives these researchers a chance to get reviewing experience, and to be recognised for their contributions. For more information on co-review, read our editorial: **https://pubs.rsc.org/en/content/articlelanding/2024/ra/d4ra90099e**

"Peer review lies at the heart of academic publishing. As a society journal we very much value the time, effort and expertise that our reviewers expend on our behalf. Excellent peer review ensures the academic quality of *RSC Advances* and so we extend our thanks to all those who have reviewed in the past year, and our special thanks to the group of excellent peer reviewers who have extended themselves even further on our behalf" – Russell J. Cox, Editor-in-Chief, *RSC Advances*

"Peer review is a vital aspect of ensuring the quality and originality of the research published in *RSC Advances*. Over the last year we are pleased to have launched co-review, which gives earlier career researchers the opportunity to gain experience and credit for taking part in the peer review process. Combined with transparent peer review, this will add to the quality of our peer review process as well as the transparency. We thank all the reviewers that continue to support *RSC Advances* and very much appreciate their contributions" – Karen Faulds, Editor-in-Chief, *RSC Advances*

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We continue to work on improving the diversity of our reviewer pool to reflect the diversity of the communities that we serve.

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