Happy Holidays from microPublication! If you are receiving this, you’ve previously voiced interest in the microPublication project. If you do not wish to receive the newsletter, you can unsubscribe at the link below. Feel free to forward this newsletter to your friends and colleagues!

The more the merrier!

Have you noticed on the microPublication Biology homepage that there are more organisms? microPublication has expanded to other model organism communities such as Drosophila and Xenopus. The inaugural Drosophila paper was published in November from the Oliver lab, followed soon after by the inaugural Xenopus paper in December from the Yang lab. Thank you to these researchers for being pioneers in their communities and embracing the microPublication concept of scholarly communication. We would also like to welcome Thom Kaufman (Fly) and Jing Yang (Frog), who are joining Tim Schedl (Worm) as the Science Officer for their respective communities. A big thank you goes to FlyBase and Xenbase who have made this expansion possible!

Meet the microPublication Biology Editorial Board

microPublication Biology is proud to announce its newly appointed Editorial Board! This is an innovative, rigorous and diverse group, which forms the initial worm-centric Editorial Board, and together, we look forward to achieving great accomplishments in the upcoming year. The selected editorial board members will work in collaboration with the editorial team by recommending topics, soliciting and providing content, and sharing news and information on the latest best practices for microPublication Biology and its mission.
Introducing the microPublication Biology editorial board members:

Editorial Board

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On behalf of microPublication Biology and the community, welcome and congratulations!

**microPublication supports CURE teaching**

microPublication Biology is pleased to support undergraduate teaching efforts using Course-based Undergraduate Research Experiences (CUREs). One of our last published articles of 2018, Bieser et al., 2018, came from Jacob Kagey’s students and a 7-member consortium of fly groups that plan to publish more results from student work, identifying, mapping, and sequencing fly mutants. Our editorial board member, Diana Chu, is coordinating a microPublication/CURE interest group to bring together anyone planning to adopt microPublication submissions as part of their CURE course. Please contact us if you are interested in joining the discussion!
Using CRediT for author contribution

Not only do we want your data, we want you to receive credit for your work! microPublication Biology will be implementing the CRediT controlled vocabulary for author roles created by the CASRAI organization and adopted by many science journals. We’ve updated our author guidelines on preparing your manuscript with a link to information on these roles. For your next submission, please assign the appropriate roles to every author. Let us know if you have any questions!

Publishing Update

As of December 17th, we have published 61 C. elegans, 2 Drosophila and one Xenopus articles and have more in the pipeline. These articles cover many datatypes: Gene Expression, Phenotype, Genotype, Genetic Screens, New Methods, and Software. We provide a generic word template for submission of any datatype and are working on a publication platform that will simplify submission and will allow authors to enter data in a atomized way. These data will be delivered directly to the authoritative database for each community (i.e., WormBase, Flybase, Xenbase), ensuring fast integration with biological knowledgebases for deep data integration and public discoverability. Check out our data submission and manuscript preparation pages for details. If you have questions, visit the FAQ page or contact us directly at contact@micropublication.org.

Where we’ve been this last year
Where will we be in the next months

The microPublication team will be at the following conferences in the upcoming months. Come find us to share your data and ideas! If you are interested in having us visit for your next meeting contact the microPublication Team!

Annual Drosophila Research Conference. March 27–31, 2019. Dallas, TX USA.


International C. elegans Meeting. June 20–24, 2019 UCLA, Los Angeles, CA

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