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The *American Journal of Neuroradiology* (AJNR) has recently introduced a revamped submission process with the objective of improving efficiency, clarity, and expediting the dissemination of groundbreaking research within our field. One of the key features of this overhaul is the introduction of manuscript-specific submission templates, offering a more streamlined and standardized approach for authors.

For the initial submission of their manuscript, authors are strongly encouraged to use the initial submission template available on the AJNR website. This template, characterized by its simplicity, is crafted to ensure the coherent presentation of essential information necessary for the initial review. Incorporated within the template are clear instructions for authors, contributing to a user-friendly experience. The initial submission template is versatile and allows authors the flexibility of reusing the same docu-

ment for submission to another journal in the event of rejection from the AJNR, reflecting our commitment to prioritizing authors' efficiency and convenience.

On acceptance or assignment for revision, authors are directed to use revision templates tailored to their specific manuscript types. The adoption of these templates is not merely a procedural formality; rather, it serves as a catalyst for expediting the publication process because these templates can be easily converted into preprints that can be released promptly to the AJNR subscribers.

Authors are asked to disclose potential conflicts at the outset to ensure a transparent review process. However, the completion of more time-consuming disclosure forms is deferred until after manuscript acceptance or during the revision stage. This approach is designed to optimize authors' time, minimizing unnecessary tasks and focusing on specific requirements only when necessary.

In conclusion, AJNR's refined submission process underscores a commitment to transparency, efficiency, and the prompt dissemination of high-quality research in neuroradiology. The introduction of tailored submission templates not only simplifies the submission process for authors but also accelerates the journey of research from acceptance to publication. As the landscape of academic publishing evolves, AJNR's proactive measures position it at the forefront of facilitating a seamless and author-friendly publication experience.