

Template 1

Template with reference to "Projekt DEAL" and link to boycott statement on working group's website

Dear **XXX XXX**,

I unfortunately cannot accept your invitation to review the paper below.

*Many German science organizations are currently re-negotiating the contracts with major publishers, with the aim to reach sustainable agreements with an open-access component. While negotiations with most publishers are constructive and close to complete, it has not been possible to reach an agreement with Elsevier (see <https://www.projekt-deal.de/about-deal/>). We at the chair for **XXX XXX** at the University of **XXX** therefore boycott all Elsevier publications as of 01/01/2019 (see **XXX**). This means that we resigned from editorial positions, will not submit new papers, and will not accept new review invitations.*

Thank you for your understanding and all the best,

XXX XXX

Template 2

Template by [nodealnoreview.org](http://www.nodealnoreview.org) [retrieved 18/12/12 via <http://www.nodealnoreview.org/#template>]

Here, we provide a template for responding the invitations for editorial and reviewer tasks for journals
that you wish to boycott. It is important also to let editors, most of whom are unpaid professional
scientists, know why you are boycotting their journal. Please feel free to modify the template to suit
your needs.

Thank you for your invitation to [review a manuscript / act as an editor] for **XXXX**. I am declining the invitation to support the [No deal, no review](#) boycott of Elsevier.

During the 2016 and 2017 subscription deal renewal negotiations Elsevier has shown disregard for its most valuable resource, the research community, by refusing to offer sustainable prices and open access for its journals.

I am worried that we will continue to see unfair deals being offered and negotiations in gridlock, as new renewal talks get underway all over the world.

This needs to stop.

Until a fair deal is reached between [country/negotiating party] and Elsevier, I will decline all requests by Elsevier journals.

More information: [nodealnoreview.org](http://www.nodealnoreview.org)

With kind regards,

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Template 3

Used for editor personally known who sent request for ms with good fit to own expertise

Dear **XXX XXX**,

Thank you very much for the invitation, the manuscript sounds interesting.

As much as I would like to help, I am afraid I have to decline the request to review. I am doing so to express my discontent with Elsevier's current pricing policy. Until fairer policies have been established, I have decided not to review for Elsevier journals anymore. Please note that for the same reason I will also refrain from suggesting colleagues as alternative reviewers for this and other review requests.

I would be grateful if you could also pass along this email to the publisher.

Yours sincerely,
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