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ASBMB statement regarding the use of preprints in NIH grant review

All three of the ASBMB's peer-reviewed journals (Journal of Biological Chemistry, Journal of Lipid Research, and Molecular & Cellular Proteomics) accept submissions of manuscripts hosted on preprint servers. While the ASBMB doesn't oppose preprints being included in grant applications, some members do have concerns about how preprints will be used and whether they will increase the burden on grant reviewers. The ASBMB supports policies that provide investigators every opportunity to compete fairly for grant funding, and we encourage the NIH to consider how preprints can be best utilized.