Reporting questions and answers

How do I report irrelevant or offensive questions and answers?

You can help us make sure that Q&A remains high quality by reporting the following:

- Offensive or inappropriate questions or answers
- Content that is of low scientific quality
- Content that is unrelated to the question
- Spam or other commercial content

To report a question or answer, simply:

1. Find the question or answer you want to report
2. Beneath the topics assigned to it, select Report
3. Tell us why you’re reporting the question
4. Click Report question to confirm

The content has now been reported and appropriate action will be taken as soon as possible.

Why was my question or answer deleted?

Content will be deleted if it belongs to one of the following categories:

- Advertisements
- General knowledge questions that can be quickly answered using a search engine
- Broad, vague, or unscientific (e.g. personal stories)
- Job applications (search for jobs on ResearchGate)
- Duplicates of previous questions
- Requests for copyrighted material (e.g. software, books, publications - find out how to request a full-text)
- Private messages (find out how to send a private message)

Please note: Questions relating to the general use of ResearchGate will also be removed.

To make sure that your questions and answers are useful to other researchers, please keep them specific, concise, and of a scientific nature.