

## Can you decline a media interview about your research?

Yes, you can!  
Some reasons include:

- You believe you are not the right person to comment on the subject
- Your institution discourages sharing of findings before publication
- Your paper is under embargo during the peer-review process
- You are unable to meet the journalist's deadline

Here's how to decline an interview:

1. Thank the journalist for their interest in your research
2. Share your reasons for declining the interview with the journalist
3. Express openness to future interviews related to your field of work / interest
4. Recommend a colleague, especially if they are from an under-represented community!

