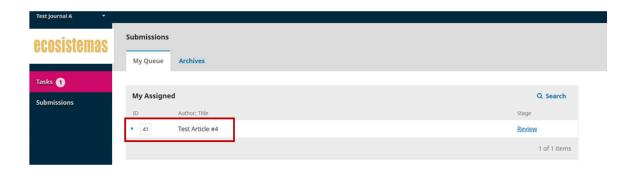


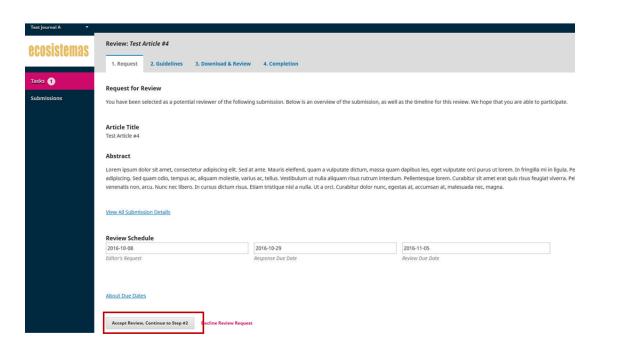
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1. Review Request Sent by an Editor

[View All Submission Details]: The summary and keywords of the submission to be reviewed are displayed.

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- a) To accept the review, click on the [Accept Review. Continue to Step #2] button.
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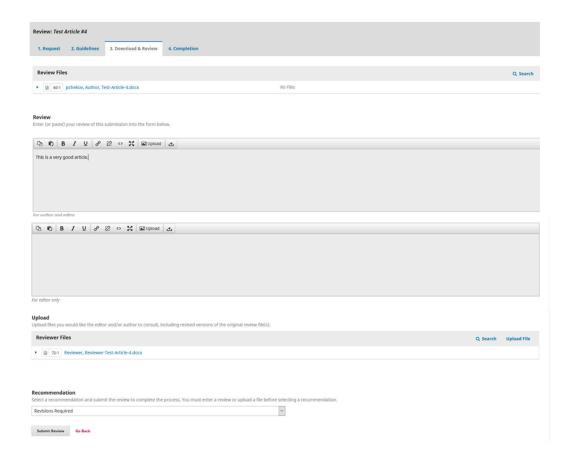


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