

# Open Access for the REF: Claiming publications in RPS

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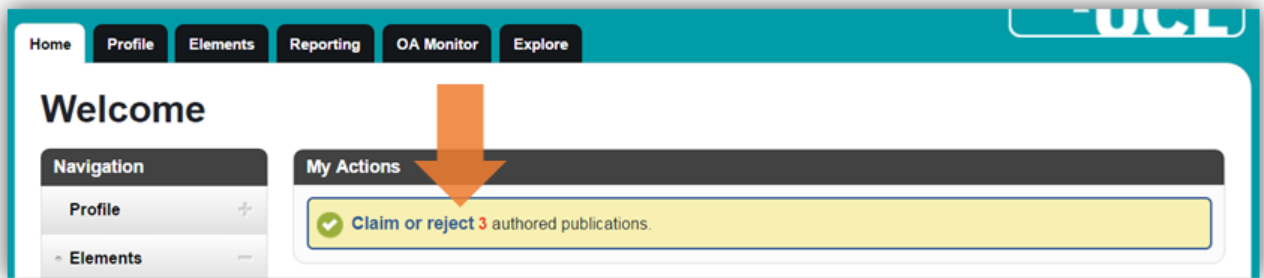
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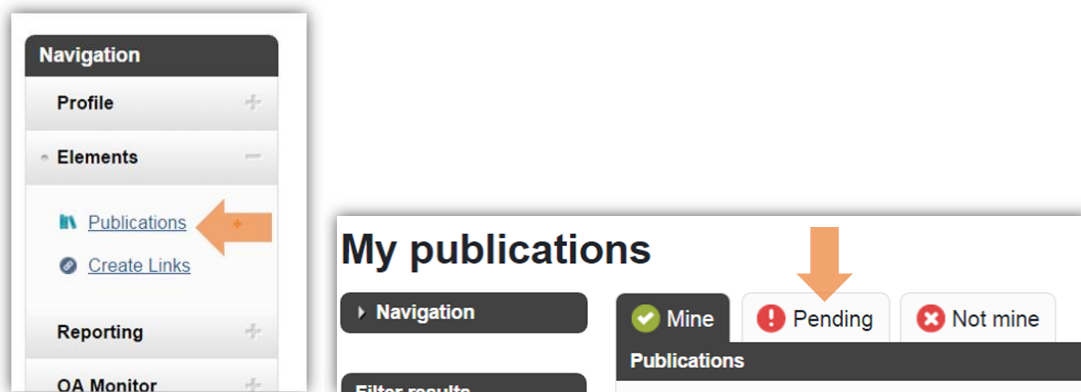
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## Claiming/rejecting publications in RPS

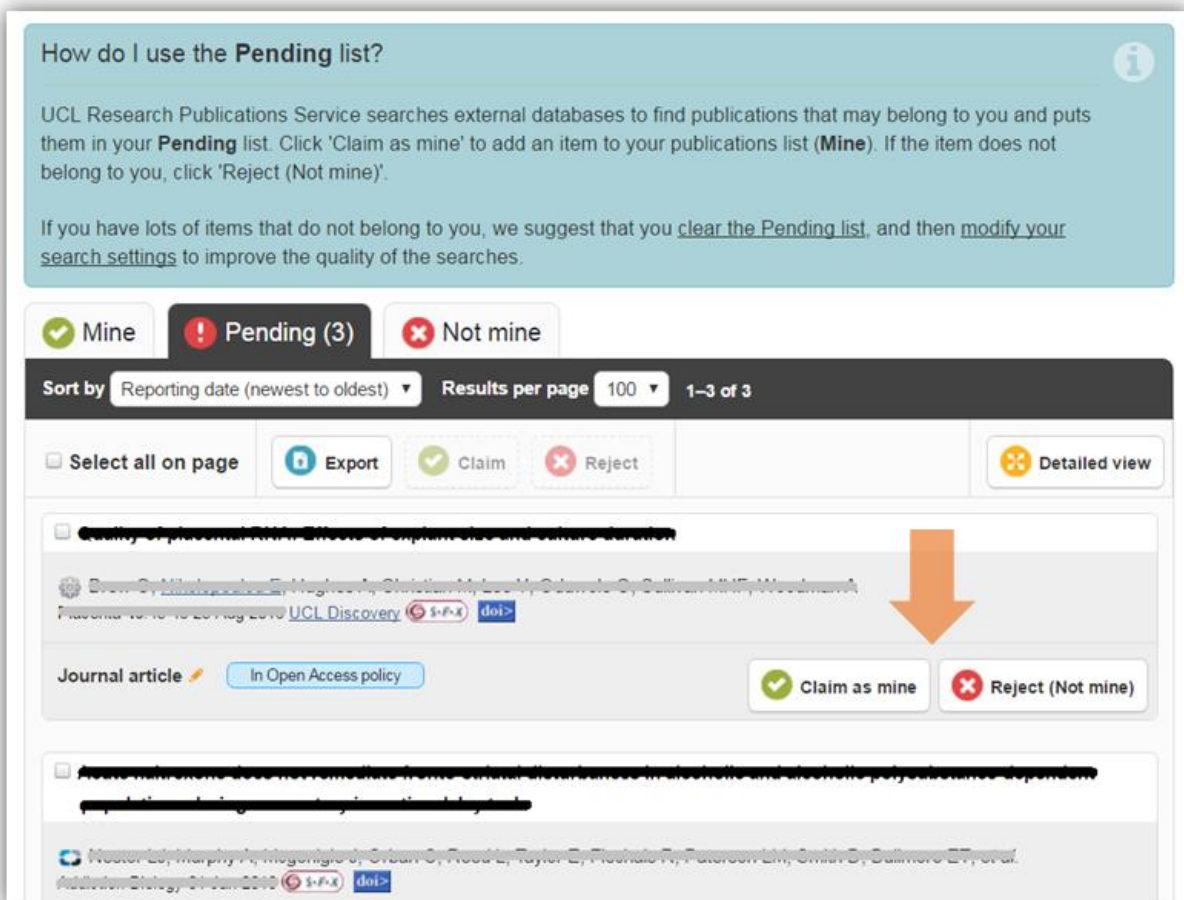
1. **Log in to RPS** at <http://rps.ucl.ac.uk/>
2. Look for the following notification, and click on the 'claim or reject' link:



- Alternatively, click on the 'Publications' link on the left hand menu, then the 'Pending' tab:



- Review each publication in the list, and click 'Claim as mine' or 'Reject (Not mine)':



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