

# Review of: "Is gastrulation the most important time in your life?"

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Very nice read, written well. Would be good if the journal would specify whether this is a short review, opinion piece or any other particular format followed. This was a very brief review, so perhaps it should be under the opinion piece. I have no major issues with the writing, it is flowing well and describes the gastrulation specifics. I would be interested to learn more about the molecular mechanisms which underlie gastrulation, this was not addressed at all and would help the readers better understand how it comes about (and identify the key molecules in their species of interest, if they are studying embryology in non model organisms using omics approaches). The last sentence has a missing word, please check and rephrase.