

Peer Review Process

- All manuscripts are first reviewed by the Editor-in-Chief and, if needed, also reviewed by the Associate Editors to determine suitability for potential publication in AJTCVM and to ensure the appropriate format has been used as outlined in the Instructions to Authors.

- Any manuscript that describes methods that have subjected animals to inhumane conditions will be rejected.

- Edited versions of the manuscript will be returned to the communicating author by the Editor-in-Chief for revision one or more times, until the proper format and style have been achieved.

- Articles are then sent to two TCVM experts selected from the AJTCVM Scientific Review Board, Assistant Editors, Advisory Board or published experts in the area of interest by the Editor-in-Chief.

- Reviewers evaluate study design and execution, accuracy of results and contribution to the literature.

- Peer review is single blinded with reviewer comments combined to maintain anonymity of the reviewers. The manuscript is returned to the author for requested revisions, unless it has been rejected.

- Members of the editorial board may submit articles to the journal for consideration.

These manuscripts will go through the same peer review process as all other articles submitted to AJTCVM.

- Authors who disagree with the reviewers' comments or the rejection of the manuscript can submit a rebuttal, citing references in the literature to support their view, to the Editor-in-Chief at saikj@watcvm.org.

- If provisional acceptance based upon manuscript revision is obtained, the manuscript must be revised and a second review process is then undertaken with the same or additional reviewers, if necessary.

- If one reviewer accepts the manuscript and another rejects it, a third reviewer will be used to unknowingly make the final decision regarding acceptance for publication.

- The finalized manuscript is then reviewed by the Editor-in-Chief and Associate Editors prior to publication to ensure that all reviewer questions and comments have been addressed and to determine if additional information or changes are needed.

- Any further questions or information requests will be sent to the communicating author for final changes.

- Galley proofs will be sent to authors for their final approval before sending the journal to production.

- All author changes in the galley proof must be approved by the Editor-in-Chief.

- A copyright agreement must be signed prior to publication.