

A Quick Overview for Authors

The American Journal of Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine (AJTCVM) is an international peer reviewed scientific journal of acupuncture, Chinese herbal medicine, *Tui-na* and Food Therapy which is published in both print and electronic format. The AJTCVM welcomes manuscripts reporting original research in areas of veterinary interest with these treatment modalities, as well as articles with clinical relevance for veterinary practitioners using traditional Chinese veterinary medicine (TCVM).

Only manuscripts reporting some aspect of TCVM or Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) will be considered for publication in the AJTCVM. Submitted manuscripts must not have been published elsewhere in English and must not be submitted to any other scientific journal, while under consideration for publication by AJTCVM. Manuscripts must be submitted in the format required by the AJTCVM and manuscripts that are not correctly written will be returned to the primary author for re-formatting and re-submission. Please refer to “**Author Guidelines**” for detailed AJTCVM formatting descriptions. Note that it is common for several editing requests to be made to authors until the manuscript is in an acceptable standard format to be sent to reviewers. The editorial staff will assist new authors, as time permits.

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Manuscripts will be considered for publication with the clear understanding that their contents have not been previously published in English or submitted or published elsewhere while under consideration by the AJTCVM. When a paper has been presented at a scientific meeting or published in a language other than English, please contact the Editor-in-Chief directly to determine eligibility for manuscript submission to AJTCVM. All manuscripts submitted are first reviewed by the Editor-in-Chief to determine if the manuscript conforms to the mission and style of the AJTCVM and adds to the current body of knowledge of Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine (TCVM). Any manuscript that describes methods that have subjected animals to inhumane conditions will be rejected. All manuscripts will be reviewed by 2 experts in the field to determine suitability for publication. A 3rd reviewer will be used when a clear acceptance or rejection of a paper has not been determined by the first 2 reviewers.

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The manuscript should use Times New Roman, 11 pt font, single spaced, and saved as an electronic file in Microsoft Word (version 2010 or newer). Figures and tables should not be embedded within the manuscript but instead be placed at the end following the references. Do not use accessory programs such as automatic footnotes. Begin each manuscript with the title, author names, credentials and affiliations centered on the page. An abstract (250 words or less) and a list of 3-6 keywords should follow. The body of the text should be single spaced with indented paragraphs, and no extra line spacing. Pertinent references should be placed at the end of sentences using superscript numbers after the period, numbered in the order of their appearance in the text.^{1,2} Please refer to “**Author Guidelines**” for detailed description of AJTCVM formatting requirements.

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