

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 publication in AJTCVM and to ensure the appropriate format has been used. 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 or Associate Editor for revision one or more times, until the proper format and style for peer review have been achieved.

Once manuscript quality is approved for peer review, articles are then sent to two TCVM experts. These individuals are selected by the Editor-in-Chief and Managing Editor from the AJTCVM Board of Scientific Reviewers, Assistant Editors, Advisory Board or published experts on the article subject. For research studies, reviewers evaluate study design and execution, accuracy of results and contribution to the literature. Clinical practice articles will be evaluated as to relevance for veterinary practitioners using TCVM.

Peer review is single blinded with anonymity of the reviewers maintained. The manuscript is returned to the author by AJTCVM for requested revisions by the reviewers, unless it has been rejected. 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 to satisfy reviewer requests. The reviewer (depending on availability), will be asked to approve the changes made, or the editorial staff must approve the changes before the manuscript is accepted for publication. 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 reviewed by the Editor-in-Chief and Associate Editor assigned to the manuscript 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.

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.