

Canon Journal of Medicine: Developing Editorial Policies and Recommence of Publication

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ABSTRACT

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1. Publication of peer-review content along with the article

From now on, CJM will publish review contents and comments of peer-reviewed articles. However, some reviews may need English editing before publication, but the main content will remain intact. The editors and reviewers should define their conflict of interest statement, which will be published.

2. Four reviewers for each manuscript

Four reviewers will review a submitted manuscript, two reviewers with a specialty in the field, a reviewer for ethical considerations, and a reviewer for the research methodology. However, the EIC or associate editor will make the final decision.

3. Clear guideline

Clear guidelines for the author, reviewer, and editor are avail-

able on the CJM website. The guideline will clarify and ease the peer-review process, both for author and reviewer.

4. Contract for Editors

A yearly contract will be made between the editor and the owner, Arka Education and Clinical Research Consultants Co., to clarify the editor's role and responsibilities. Nevertheless, no financial facilities or fee for service have been considered for the contribution of editors.

5. Permissions and Ethical Consideration Forms

Where needed, there is a permission and an ethical consideration form to explain the role and responsibilities of authors and reviewers. Authors and reviewers should fill in the signed form before the peer-review process is commenced.

6. Social Responsibilities

CJM will also focus on making apprehensible content for the general population. Each published research will have an abstract for a non-expert audience. Bringing research to people will improve not only their knowledge but also their trust in science. Discussion with authors within podcasts will also be part of CJM plan to play its role as a reliable source of information.

Because of delivering principled and high-quality research to the audience, CJM is committed to recommendations of ICMJE and the committee on publication ethics (COPE) and will align its policies and activities to achieve transparent ethical

journalism.

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