

Editorial Responsibilities

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Functions

1. Evaluate the performance of editorial board and the manuscript review board and takes corrective action, if necessary
2. Determines whether new manuscripts submitted for publication are within the scope of the journal seek input from editorial board when necessary.
3. Assigns a review board member to handle the review of a manuscript
4. Assists editorial board members and review board members with issues related to manuscript reviews and use of web-based system
5. Monitors the progress of all manuscript reviews for timeliness and adherence to review guidelines
6. Makes final decision on acceptability of manuscripts for publication taking into account the review board members recommendation
7. Mediate conflict resolution issues with authors, review board etc.
8. Assigns manuscripts to each issue of the journal
9. Handle and approves the production of special issues
10. Defines the review process for special issues where guest editors are required for reviewing manuscripts
11. Serves in a quality control role on reviews performed for manuscripts has final approval authority on the recommended article.

Basis for declining publication

There are two mechanisms that can be used to decline publication of a manuscript. The first is based upon the Editor's preliminary review of the manuscript. A manuscript may be declined if the study was judged as too preliminary in nature or was in an inappropriate scientific area.

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