

《Journal of Healthcare Quality》 Details and Policy

Aims and Scopes

The “Journal of Healthcare Quality” was established in 2007 under the auspices of the Joint Commission of Taiwan (JCT). It serves as a publication aimed at improving medical management efficiency, advancing medical scientific research, and promoting inter-professional education. The journal caters to a diverse readership that includes physicians, nursing professionals, healthcare quality promoters, decision-making managers, medical educators, and students in healthcare-related disciplines.

Each issue of the journal is committed to provide comprehensive insights and the latest advancements in various domains, including medical quality and patient safety, healthcare hygiene, medical education, hospital management, smart healthcare, and hospital evaluation. It has successfully positioned itself as a reputable platform for professionals in Taiwan's medical institutions to exchange information.

Editorial Policy

The Journal of Healthcare Quality (JHQ) is an official journal of the Joint Commission of Taiwan, with 6 issues published yearly. The journal welcomes the submission of articles from the disciplines of healthcare quality, patient safety, public health, medical education, hospital management, smart healthcare (digital healthcare), and hospital accreditation written in either Chinese or English, which has not been published or submitted for publication elsewhere. JHQ accepts original articles, review articles, case reports, perspectives, and letters to

the editor.

The editorial board requires that all submitted papers must not violate good morals, not involve personal attacks, not talk about political and religious issues unrelated to medical care, must respect gender and racial equality, and abide by the submission requirements of the journal.

The manuscript should comply with the "Human Subjects Research Act " announced by the Ministry of Health and Welfare. If approval from the Institutional Review Board (IRB) is required, the IRB approval number must be attached when submitting the manuscript and must be clearly described in the article.

JHQ has the right to revise or reject manuscripts, does not accept anonymous submissions, and should sign the submission statement, agreeing that the article has not been published in other journals, and agreeing not to publish in other journals during the review process and after acceptance.

Peer Review Process

The editorial staff will preview all manuscripts before rigorous peer review by reviewers.

The factors that are taken into account in review are relevance, soundness, significance, readability, and in line with national policies within the scope of this journal.

The peer review process is by at least two professional reviewers who are experts in the related healthcare field and have at least 5-year experiences. The review adopts a double-blind review process, the reviewers and the authors have a two-way anonymous system. Except for the review comments, the information of both parties is kept confidential.

If the review results of the two reviewers are inconsistent, the manuscript will be reviewed by the third reviewer, and the opinion of the majority of reviewers will be taken. The journals allow a maximum of two rounds of review of a manuscript. If the 3 reviewers have different opinions, and the average review score is 75 points or less, the paper will not be accepted. If the average review score exceeds 75 points, the chief editor will make the final decision. The possible decisions include: (1) Accept, (2) Minor revisions, (3) Major revisions, and (4) Reject.

Stages of Review Process	Description
<pre> graph TD 1[1 Manuscript Submission] --> 2[2 Triage for appropriate editorial office] 2 --> 3{3 Adherence to Aim & Scope of journal?} 3 -- No --> 4[4 Notification of the return to author] 3 -- Yes --> 5[5 Reviewers assignment] 5 --> 6[6 Sent to reviewers] 6 --> 7[7 Collection of reviewer comments] 7 --> 8{8 Sent to the third reviewer} 8 -- Yes --> 5 8 -- No --> 9{9 Revisions needed?} 9 -- Yes --> 9_1[9.1 Notification to author regarding the major revisions for review] 9_1 --> 9_2[9.2 Sent for second peer review] 9_2 --> 10[10 Review confirmation] 9 -- No --> 10 10 --> 11{11 Notifying the author of final decision} 11 --> 11_1[11.1 Accept] 11 --> 11_2[11.2 Reject] 11_1 --> 12[12 Manuscript acceptance process] 12 --> 13[13 Writing off the review fee] 11_2 --> 13 </pre>	<p>1 The journal editorial office receives the manuscript for administrative assessment by the editorial staff.</p> <p>2 Each editorial office recommends reviewers based on the nature of the manuscript's content.</p> <p>3 The business office reviews whether the content of the article is suitable for publication.</p> <p>4 If the article is deemed unsuitable for publication, the executive editor returns it to the author.</p> <p>5 Two or more experts in the relevant field serve as review committee members. The appropriate committee members are selected/assigned from the review committee database.</p> <p>6 The review committee members are contacted to conduct peer review.</p> <p>7 The review comments from the committee members are collected. The possible decisions can fall into four categories: (1) Accept, (2) Accept with minor revisions, (3) Major revisions for review, and (4) Reject.</p> <p>8 The comments of the two committee members are compared, and, based on both of the selected review results, it will be decided whether the third reviewer is required. If the review results of the two reviewers are inconsistent, the manuscript will be reviewed by the third reviewer, and the majority opinion of the reviewers will be taken.</p> <p>9 In the event that the committee members recommend major revisions for review, the author is requested to revise the manuscript and submit a revised version to the committee members with comments for confirmation. Please note that the author is permitted to revise the manuscript only once.</p> <p>10 The review comments are collected and submitted to the business office for review.</p> <p>11 The author is notified of the committee members' review comments, and the publication process is arranged once it is confirmed that the manuscript can be published.</p> <p>13 Committee review fees are accounted for and written off.</p>

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Journal of Healthcare Quality editors strive to ensure that what is published in the Journal is as balanced, objective, and evidence-based as possible and require authors are obliged to disclose or avoid any potential conflicts of interest that may affect the views of the work.

During the editorial process, the following relationships between editors and authors are considered conflicts of interest: current colleagues, recent colleagues, and recent co-authors. et al therefore all manuscripts are reviewed anonymously.

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If the work involves the use of human subjects, the author should ensure that the work has been carried out by Institutional Review Board approval, and should include a statement in the manuscript when submission. The privacy rights of human subjects must always be observed.

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