



RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE JMVH EDITORIAL BOARD AND AMMA

- The Editorial Board will have total responsibility, authority and accountability for editorial content of the journal. The Editorial Board is free to authorise publication of peer-reviewed and other appropriate research reports, as well as Association news, appropriate advertising and other materials, and unilateral, politically-biased or otherwise arbitrary interference that may detract from the long-standing tradition of a free scientific press will not be exercised by the Association or its officers.
- The Association recognises and accepts the journal's scientific integrity and the editorial independence of the Editorial Board.
- The Editorial Board and the Association and its Officers shall enter into a clear agreement in a form to be agreed between them to ensure proper editorial freedom and responsibility. This agreement identifies the officers, committee, or other management group to whom the Editor is primarily responsible. Further, the agreement will state clearly the job description, reporting responsibilities, and performance measurements. It will include statements of scientific, editorial and administrative expectations of all parties, terms of reference under which the journal is published, the length of the contract, financial conditions including operating expenses and remuneration (if any), length of contract, and terms for termination by either party.
- The Editorial Board will act professionally without prejudice or conflict of interest.
- To maintain professional autonomy associated with publication of peer-reviewed reports, the Editorial Board will not allow their editorial judgement to be influenced by political, commercial and other considerations that are beyond the scope of each scientific report and analysis of possible impacts and applications.
- The Editorial Board will inform the Association and its Officers of any political, commercial or other incidents that could impair the scientific credibility of the publication, and will take measures necessary to ensure that such incidents do not affect decisions, which s/he may be called upon to make.

- Whether a volunteer or employed on a full- or part-time basis, the Editorial Board will report annually to the Association and its Officers any non-editorial, scientifically related activities in which they are engaged.
- The Editorial Board will ensure that peer review and other related publication assignments are undertaken by qualified specialists as necessary, and that these specialists disclose any conflicts of interest to the Board. At its judgement, the Board will provide this information to the submitting authors, or the Association and its Officers.
- The Editorial Board will work with the Association and its Officers to ensure that services and products of contractors, vendors, and other commercial interests required for proper publication are selected on the basis of merit.
- The Editorial Board will warn the Association and its Officers of any adverse consequences to be expected if their professional judgement is overruled and will ensure that proposed alternative actions do not impair editorial integrity.
- The Editorial Board will not disclose confidential information unless authorised by the source of that information, or there are allegations of misconduct that require access to that confidential information for proper investigation, or the Editorial Board is required by law to disclose that information.
- The Editorial Board shall refrain from using confidential information for personal gain and shall take reasonable steps to ensure that such information is not used for the advantage of other parties.