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Frequently Asked Questions

What topics are the JRS interested in publishing?

The JRS is comprehensive and includes a range of articles related to the regulation of food and feed, the environment, drugs, transportation, communications, and other related fields. Topics include:

- Regulation, standardization, and codes practices;
- Harmonization and equivalency;
- Product testing, method development, monitoring and surveillance, researches and technologies for product safety, environment protection, and energy reservation;
- Food contamination and adulteration;
- Consumer, markets, and cost benefit analysis;
- Hazard analysis, HACCP, HARPC, and product safety;
- Risk analysis and communication;
- Quality assurance and control;
- Good manufacturing practices, good laboratory practices, and good clinic practices;
- Gap analysis, implementation, and evaluation of regulatory practices and improvement;
- Environmental control; and
- Education, training, and outreach.

What if I have a paper on a topic that is not included in the list above?

The JRS welcomes original scientific articles, reviews, rapid communications and policy commentaries that deal with every aspect of regulatory science. Please contact our editorial team if you have any questions regarding a submission.

Do I have to be with a regulatory agency to get published in the JRS?

No, the preferred route of submission is through the Direct Regular track. Articles in the Direct Regular track are pre-reviewed by editorial staff and then sent to the JRS reviewers with relevant expertise. The Government Track accepts manuscripts that have already been peer reviewed within a government organization. The government supports the Freedom of Information Act.

Papers listed as “Contributed” by government agencies will require at least one of the authors to be affiliated with a government agency. The submissions from government employees are not necessarily regarded as expressing the policies or view of the government agency.

What are the criteria for publication in the JRS?

Scientific Articles: Original scientific research that is intelligible to the scientific audience

Reviews: An in-depth evaluation of previous research that is of interest to the general regulatory science community

Policy Commentaries: An evaluation of a regulation standard, impact analysis of a regulation standard or related investigations

The JRS also welcomes position papers. Please contact our editorial team for submission consideration.

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What format does my paper need to be in to submit?

Submissions must be made in a common word processing file format (e.g., .doc) with 12 pt. Times New Roman or Arial font. The JRS follows APA style guidelines. Additional information can be found in our [Author Guidelines](#).

Is there a page limit?

- Scientific Articles: up to 10,000 words
- Policy Commentaries: up to 7,000
- Rapid Communications: up to 3,500 words
- Review Articles: Content will be determined based on editor's communication

Word limits include table and figures, but do not include the abstract or references. Please contact the editorial team for submissions longer than the lengths provided above.

How do I submit a paper?

The submission process is entirely online, and you must be registered as an author to submit articles. To register:

1. Complete the registration form posted at:
<https://journals.tdl.org/regsci/index.php/regsci/user/register>
2. Select the 'Author' checkbox
3. Click 'Register' to return to the user home page
4. Follow the onscreen instructions for the 5-step submission process
5. In the "Notes" option, include suggestions (name, title, email) for three potential suitable reviewers who are well versed in the field of your manuscript.

What happens after I submit my paper?

First, the editor-in-chief assigns an editor to process the manuscript. The editor can either reject the submission at the initial screening stage, or accept the submission for review. Once the review process is complete, you will be contacted with review recommendations.

Who will be contacting me throughout the publication process?

Our journal manager, Shireen Jahedkar (sej@otsc.tamu.edu), will be the primary point of contact.

If my paper was rejected by JRS, can I revise and resubmit it?

The most common reason a submission may be rejected for publication is if the topic is not within the scope of JRS. If your submission has been rejected, feedback will be provided. If you have additional questions, please contact our editorial team.

Can I post my article on the internet?

Yes. You may post the PDF of your article on your personal website or for other educational purposes, provided you include a link to the JRS website.