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Journal Description

The Journal of Regulatory Science (JRS) is an online open-access journal intended for scholars with an interest in regulatory science. The JRS publishes free of charge, peer-reviewed scientific manuscripts, proposed standard evaluations and rapid communications to advance the discipline of regulatory science.

The JRS is devoted to the consideration of risk management tools, standards, and practices to improve the protection and compliance of regulated products. It is the mission of the Journal of Regulatory Science to facilitate an open dialogue among regulatory scientists from the global community.

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- Regulation, standardization, and codes practices;
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- Hazard analysis, HACCP, HARPC, and product safety;
- Risk analysis and communication;
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