

Starting in 2023, we are creating a new peer review process. We are now accepting submissions of manuscripts for peer-reviewed publication. Our focus for peer-reviewed publications will be on perspective articles and mini-reviews. Still, several non-peer-reviewed publications will be included, comprising dissertations, news, awards, and portraits of excellence. This issue presents our first peer-reviewed mini-review.

We have been working hard to deliver a high-quality product and improve year after year. With this latest development, we are very excited about the new opportunities this presents and are hopefully moving towards becoming an indexed journal. Throughout this process, we wish to remain transparent in our guidelines and policies while remaining an accessible journal that supports its authors throughout the submission process.

Our Peer Review Policy:

There are a few routes that lead a manuscript through our peer review process. First, authors interested in submitting a manuscript can email the journal with a summary of the article they wish to write to see if it could be a suitable topic for a manuscript for peer review. Alternatively, authors can submit a complete manuscript and we will determine whether it matches the requirements to undergo peer review. The Editorial Board may also choose to invite selected authors or author groups to submit manuscripts or put out a general call for papers, particularly for special issues.

Authors wishing to submit manuscripts to be peer-reviewed can contact the journal at $\underline{info@oftalmolog.com}.$

At least two reviewers will be asked to provide feedback on the manuscript. Editorial Board members and journal staff might also provide additional comments. Reviewers will be kept anonymous, but their comments will be given to authors to direct the revision process. Multiple rounds of review and revision might be necessary, and this is left to the discretion of the Editor-in-Chief. If an Editorial Board member is one of the authors, the article will be reviewed only by external reviewers without feedback from the Editorial Board, barring the Editor-in-Chief.

All articles that are peer-reviewed will be clearly delineated as such in the journal.

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Indexing — Oftalmolog is currently NOT indexed in medical archives such as MEDLINE or PubMed Central. This means that your article will not show up in PubMed searches. However, our goal is to move towards becoming an indexed journal in the future. To this end, a review process is required.

Awards — As of today, all regular articles published in *Oftalmolog* will automatically be considered for the best paper awards, unless specified otherwise by the authors. Currently, peer-reviewed publications will remain eligible for *Oftalmolog's* Best Paper Awards.

For more information, you can read about our new policy and process on our website.

