

JLIVE

Journal of Longevity and Integrated Vitality Evidence

Editorial Governance Framework

Roles, Responsibilities, and Expectations of Editorial Leadership and Advisory Board

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Preamble

The Journal of Longevity and Integrated Vitality Evidence (JLIVE) is an international, peer-reviewed, open-access publication dedicated to advancing the science of healthy aging, disease prevention, vitality, resilience, and human well-being across the lifespan. The quality, integrity, and global influence of JLIVE depend fundamentally on the calibre and commitment of its editorial leadership.

This document defines the governance framework for all editorial leadership roles within JLIVE. It establishes clear expectations, responsibilities, and standards of conduct for the Editor-in-Chief, Co-Editor-in-Chief, Section Editors-in-Chief, and Advisory Board Members. All appointees are expected to uphold the highest standards of scientific integrity, publication ethics, and collegial professionalism in service of the journal's mission.

Editor-in-Chief (EiC)

Highest Scientific and Editorial Authority of JLIVE

Position Overview

The Editor-in-Chief serves as the highest scientific and editorial authority of JLIVE. The EiC provides strategic vision, scientific leadership, and global representation of the journal, while ensuring the highest standards of scholarly publishing, editorial integrity, and scientific excellence.

The EiC is responsible for driving the journal's growth, reputation, visibility, indexing success, citation impact, and long-term sustainability. In this capacity, the EiC acts as principal ambassador of JLIVE and plays a pivotal role in attracting high-quality manuscripts, distinguished editorial leaders, and strategic partnerships worldwide.

Key Objectives

The Editor-in-Chief shall strive to:

- Establish JLIVE as a leading international journal in longevity, healthy aging, vitality science, lifestyle medicine, integrative health, precision nutrition, microbiome science, regenerative medicine, and related disciplines
- Increase the quality, visibility, readership, citation impact, and scientific influence of the journal
- Support indexing in major scholarly databases including PubMed Central, Scopus, Web of Science, DOAJ, Embase, and other recognized indexing services
- Develop strategies to achieve a competitive Journal Impact Factor and complementary citation metrics
- Foster international collaboration and multidisciplinary scientific engagement across all 16 research sections
- Attract landmark original research, systematic reviews, clinical studies, consensus papers, guidelines, and position statements from leading investigators

Core Responsibilities

1	Scientific Leadership	Provide overall strategic and scientific direction; define, refine, and periodically review the journal's aims, scope, and editorial priorities; ensure alignment with emerging scientific trends and unmet research needs
2	Editorial Oversight	Maintain the highest standards of scientific rigor, transparency, and publication ethics; oversee peer-review operations; ensure editorial decisions are objective, unbiased, and scientifically justified; make final manuscript decisions
3	Quality & Ethical Standards	Uphold international publishing standards (COPE, ICMJE, recognized ethical guidelines); manage ethical concerns, disputes, conflicts of interest, plagiarism, and research misconduct; ensure transparency and reproducibility
4	Editorial Board Development	Recruit internationally recognized experts; appoint and oversee Co-Editors-in-Chief, Section Editors-in-Chief, Associate Editors, and Board Members; conduct periodic performance reviews; foster active engagement
5	Manuscript Acquisition	Attract high-quality submissions from leading researchers, institutions, and scientific societies; encourage submissions from emerging investigators; develop initiatives to increase annual submission volume and publication quality
6	Special Issues & Strategic Content	Identify emerging scientific topics; approve and oversee Special Issues, thematic collections, and invited article series; collaborate with Guest Editors; develop annual publication priorities
7	Journal Visibility & Impact	Promote JLIVE at conferences, symposia, webinars, and scientific meetings; support initiatives to increase readership, citations, downloads, and media exposure; secure collaborations with professional societies
8	Strategic Development & Indexing	Work with the publisher and editorial office to achieve indexing milestones; guide development plans for inclusion in PubMed Central, Scopus, Web of Science; monitor performance metrics and recommend improvement strategies

9	Editorial Governance	Chair Editorial Board meetings; participate in strategic planning sessions; review journal performance metrics periodically; provide annual recommendations for journal advancement
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Expected Annual Contributions • Submit or invite 2–4 high-quality articles • Recommend potential Editorial Board members and reviewers • Participate in major journal promotional activities • Contribute thought leadership and strategic guidance • Support indexing and impact-factor development initiatives	Benefits of the Position • International recognition as scientific leader of JLIVE • Prominent listing on the journal website and all published issues • Opportunity to shape a globally recognized scientific journal • Collaboration with leading researchers and professional organizations • Leadership of Special Issues and strategic scientific initiatives • Invitations to webinars, conferences, and journal-sponsored events • Potential APC waivers or publication discounts where applicable
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Co-Editor-in-Chief / Section Editor-in-Chief

Section Scientific Leadership and Editorial Management

Position Overview

The Co-Editor-in-Chief or Section Editor-in-Chief provides scientific leadership and editorial oversight for a designated journal section. These individuals support the Editor-in-Chief in maintaining scientific quality, attracting manuscripts, and growing the visibility and impact of their specialty area within the broader JLIVE framework.

Appointees to these positions are expected to be recognized experts within their domain, capable of independent editorial judgment and committed to the advancement of their field through rigorous, impactful publication.

Responsibilities

★	Scientific Leadership	Provide strategic and scientific leadership within the assigned specialty section; define and periodically review section priorities and scope; identify emerging scientific trends and high-impact research opportunities
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★	Editorial Management	Manage manuscript assignments within the section; ensure rigorous, fair, and timely peer review; evaluate reviewer comments and provide well-reasoned editorial recommendations; maintain consistency and quality control
★	Manuscript Development	Attract high-quality submissions from leading investigators within the specialty area; encourage submissions from scientific networks and collaborators; commission review articles, perspectives, and special contributions
★	Editorial Board Growth	Recommend qualified Editorial Board members and reviewers; mentor Associate Editors and junior Board Members; support active reviewer recruitment and ongoing engagement within the section
★	Strategic Growth	Propose Special Issues and thematic collections relevant to the section; represent JLIVE at conferences and scientific meetings; support indexing, visibility, and citation-growth initiatives

Expected Annual Contributions • Invite or contribute 1–3 manuscripts annually • Propose at least one Special Issue or thematic collection periodically • Participate actively in Editorial Board meetings and strategic discussions • Promote JLIVE within their scientific and professional community • Provide timely and substantive editorial recommendations	Benefits of the Position • International recognition as a Section Editorial Leader of JLIVE • Prominent listing on the journal website with section affiliation • Opportunity to shape the scientific direction of a key research section • Collaboration with global scientific leaders across disciplines • Invitations to journal-sponsored events, webinars, and symposia • Potential APC waivers or publication discounts where applicable • Enhanced academic visibility and editorial leadership profile
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Advisory Board Member

Strategic Scientific Guidance and Institutional Representation

Position Overview

Advisory Board Members provide high-level scientific, strategic, and professional guidance to support the journal's growth, quality, international reputation, and long-term success. They represent the broader scientific community's voice within the JLIVE governance structure and help ensure that the journal remains responsive to the evolving needs of researchers, clinicians, and policymakers worldwide.

Advisory Board Members are typically senior scientists, institutional leaders, or distinguished professionals whose expertise, networks, and standing lend credibility and strategic direction to JLIVE's development.

Responsibilities

•	Strategic Guidance	Advise on journal vision, long-term strategy, and future development directions; recommend opportunities for expansion and innovation; provide constructive feedback on major journal initiatives and policy changes
•	Scientific Consultation	Identify emerging research areas and high-impact scientific topics; suggest Special Issues, thematic priorities, and invited article series; advise on scientific and methodological trends relevant to the journal's scope
•	Journal Promotion	Promote JLIVE within professional networks, academic institutions, and scientific societies; actively encourage manuscript submissions from qualified researchers and research groups; support partnerships and strategic collaborations
•	Editorial Support	Provide guidance on complex editorial, ethical, or policy matters when requested; recommend qualified editorial leaders, prospective reviewers, and potential authors; participate in Advisory Board consultations and formal review meetings

Expected Contributions • Recommend potential authors, reviewers, and editorial leaders • Promote the journal at scientific meetings, conferences, and institutional events • Provide strategic input during annual advisory reviews • Support journal visibility, growth, and indexing initiatives • Respond to editorial consultation requests in a timely manner	Benefits of the Position • International recognition as Advisory Board Member of JLIVE • Prominent listing on the journal website and published materials • Contribution to the advancement of longevity and vitality science • Networking with leading international scientists and clinicians • Invitations to journal-sponsored educational and scientific events • Opportunities to co-author editorials and perspectives in JLIVE
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Shared Standards and Governance Principles

All individuals serving in editorial or advisory capacities within JLIVE are expected to adhere to the following standards, regardless of role:

Publication Ethics

- Adhere fully to the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) guidelines and best practices
- Disclose all actual or potential conflicts of interest promptly and transparently
- Maintain strict confidentiality of manuscripts, reviewer identities, and editorial deliberations
- Refuse to participate in the review or editorial handling of any manuscript in which a conflict of interest exists
- Report suspected research misconduct, data fabrication, plagiarism, or duplicate submission to the Editor-in-Chief

Scientific Integrity

- Ensure all editorial decisions are based solely on scientific merit, originality, and relevance to journal scope
- Promote reproducibility, transparency, and open science practices in all aspects of editorial work
- Support diversity and inclusion in authorship, peer review, and editorial representation
- Uphold the highest standards of scholarly communication and collegial professional conduct

Commitment and Responsiveness

- Respond to editorial requests, manuscript assignments, and communications within agreed timelines
- Notify the editorial office promptly if unable to fulfill responsibilities due to competing commitments
- Maintain an updated conflict-of-interest declaration at least annually
- Participate in annual editorial performance reviews and strategic planning processes

Appointment and Review

- All editorial and advisory appointments are made by the Editor-in-Chief in consultation with the publisher
- Initial appointments are for a term of two (2) years, renewable by mutual agreement and subject to performance review
- Continued appointment is contingent on active participation, adherence to this governance framework, and alignment with the journal's evolving strategic priorities
- Appointments may be terminated with reasonable notice by either party, or immediately in cases of serious ethical breach
- JLIVE is committed to periodic renewal of editorial leadership to ensure fresh perspectives and continued dynamism