

Creating a Space for Knowledge Dissemination in Food Regulatory Science

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Why a journal on food regulatory science?

It is for the same reasons and motivated by identical drivers responsible for the creation of the Global Food Regulatory Science Society (GFORSS) – a home for food sciences and various scientific disciplines that underpin food regulatory decisions.

Beyond being a communication vehicle for the Society, the Journal of the Global Food Regulatory Science Society (jGFORSS) will support a key GFORSS mandate: knowledge dissemination. Additionally, a clear decision to make this journal free of charge, for both authors and readers, upholds one of the Society's core values: inclusivity; and, ensures this publication will not be falsely accused of being a predatory journal simply for its open access publishing model.

The Editorial Board, overseeing the quality and scientific integrity of the publication, is committed to sparing no effort when it comes to reliance upon the best available expertise in order that each submitted article is provided with the necessary critical review. Transparency is another fundamental value that the jGFORSS will strive to uphold. As a result, the journal's review process will disclose results of the input provided by reviewers – for those who have consented to this approach.

As regards to funding of this knowledge dissemination initiative, GFORSS will use its reserve funds generated from overhead charged on implemented projects, as well as sponsorships from private sector service providers. Note that sponsorship will be accompanied with an advertising reward

published on dedicated journal pages. Sponsorship and advertising revenues will also be reported accordingly; advertising material will be separated from the publication itself.

Given the variety of food regulatory science disciplines, the journal will adopt sections dedicated to categories of scientific articles, opinions and publications:

- I. **Food Laboratory Sciences for Regulatory Purposes** includes reports on food laboratory method development and validation.
- II. **Exposure Data Generation and Analysis** comprises reports on occurrence data for contaminants and nutrients in food.
- III. **Risk Assessments** covers parts of or the complete analysis leading to a risk assessment.
- IV. **Risk Management and Food Regulatory Policies** consists of the development and analysis of risk management options, including risk communication and the formulation and critical review of regulatory decisions, as well as, the underlying policy(ies) that support them.

Beyond scientific articles, the Journal will also host **Opinions, Editorials** and **Perspective Articles** that represent a collation of views and opinions developed by experts and opinion leaders in food regulatory science shared through the Journal as a vehicle to further trigger discussion, debate and collaborations amongst members of the food regulatory science community.

The Journal will also be the host of **Proceedings** of major conferences and events science, that support exchange of information in food regulatory science. As such, it will further contribute to a lasting impact of such events.

The Journal of the Global Food Regulatory Science Society (jGFORSS) will serve as the cornerstone of a family of publications dedicated to advancing and sharing knowledge in food regulatory science. These journals aim to support and sustain communities of practice in key disciplinary areas that inform food regulatory decision-making. While some editions will focus on national or regional contexts, others will delve into specific domains of regulatory science—particularly the safety assessment of food applications subject to pre-market evaluation and oversight.

With this publication, it is more than one vehicle of knowledge sharing and dissemination that GFORSS is enabling. It is rather a space of dedicated and specialized publications, that will be accessible through www.gforss.com, which will be developed over time and even attempted as part of our support to the transparency agenda of our partners in food regulatory science, or as part of attempts to create vehicles of dissemination that are otherwise limited for some stakeholders.

While jGFoRSS will follow an editorial line and process that is more aligned with academic journal publications, other titles that will be made available in this space will adopt their own editorial process that is adapted to their objectives, constituency, and targeted audience.

On behalf of the GForSS Board of Directors and the jGFoRSS Editorial Board, I thank the food regulatory science community for its support in making this endeavor a success and hope that, collectively, we will contribute to facilitating access to the analysis, experience sharing and relevant scientific information supportive of food regulatory decisions globally.