



Editorial Announcement

The Journal of Regulatory Science in Continuous Publication

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Beginning in November 2018, the Journal of Regulatory Science (JRS) will adopt the “Continuous Publication” modality. This form of publication is a result of advances in information technology that have rendered the “issue publication” model obsolete for online journals.

Until now, the JRS accepted submissions, conducted a peer review of such submissions, and after a process that could involve one or more exchanges between the editor, authors and reviewers, copy-edited and published the papers as part of an issue. There could be two or three issues per year, each one having a variable number of papers. Composing an issue could take three or more months, depending on the number of papers that completed the review and editing process. As a result, authors could expect their papers to be published three to five months after submission and acceptance by the JRS.

In contrast, continuous publication of the JRS will forgo the issue composing phase, so that papers will be published online as part of an annual “open issue” immediately after the review process and editing are completed. In addition to benefiting the authors by publishing their work sooner, continuous publication will make the research available to the scientific community faster.

The continuous publication process will be as follows: Once a paper has been reviewed, accepted and cleared the editing phase, the formatted paper will be published online in PDF form as part of the year open issue. The paper will have its own page numbering, but there will be no sequential page numbering for the annual issue. In lieu of page numbers, citations will use the article’s unique identifier that will appear at the top of each page and a digital object identifier, DOI, as follows:

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