



Peer Review Editors – MuSE Initial Thoughts

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Issues

1. Appropriate roles for editors of peer reviewed journals are
 - to assist in the development of reporting recommendations for guidelines (topics 13, 14),
 - make it clear to potential authors what the journal looks for when reviewing guidelines submitted to their journals (topic 1 – steps 9, 11), and
 - improving guideline reports that they choose to publish (topic 15).

We believed that involving editors in many of the other steps you outline for guideline development would make editors contributors to guideline development such that they could no longer provide truly independent, unconflicted review of guidelines submitted to their journals.

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2. Another role for editors is to work with guideline developers to develop strategies for methodologically rigorous but efficient publication of updates to guidelines/"living guidelines." (Topic 18)

Questions

1. It is appropriate for editors of peer review journals to agree to publish guidelines without independent journal peer review (related to topic 15, steps 7 and 8)?
2. There should be well-defined criteria that distinguish guidelines that are "living" (continually updated) as opposed to periodically updated in a traditional manner (topic 18).