



## JID Innovations: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

### **Why was *JID Innovations* launched?**

*JID Innovations* delivers a publication platform for Society for Investigative Dermatology (SID) and European Society for Dermatological Research (ESDR) members – as well as other scientists -- who are required to publish in “gold open access” journals. “Gold open access” journals allow published content to be accessed immediately by all readers without cost. Some funding agencies now require that research that they support be published exclusively in such journals. Thus, creation of *JID Innovations* addresses an anticipated, unmet need for investigative dermatology. *JID-Innovations* will also welcome submissions that currently outside the scope of the *JID*, such as methods and new technology descriptions, as well as early observations and case reports with important observations regarding pathogenesis or treatments of dermatologic disease.

### **How was the Editor of *JID Innovations* selected?**

Dr. Russell P. Hall, III, currently Chair of Dermatology at Duke University and a previous President of the SID as well as a previous Deputy Editor of the *JID*, is the first Editor of *JID Innovations*. The *JID Innovations* Editor was chosen after an international search and multiple interviews. The selection committee included members of the SID and ESDR Boards of Directors, representatives of the *JID* editorial office and a publishing industry consultant. Dr. Hall’s nomination as the first Editor of *JID Innovations* was ratified by the SID Board of Directors at its virtual Spring 2020 meeting.

### **How will *JID* and *JID Innovations* relate to each other?**

*JID* and *JID Innovations* will both be published by Elsevier. Some administrative staff from the *JID* Editorial Office will support the publishing of *JID Innovations*. The editorial boards of the *JID* and *JID Innovations* will not overlap, allowing decisions that relate to the contents of the *JID* and *JID Innovations* to be made independently. That said, it is anticipated that the Editors of the journals will have a strong working relationship. It is also possible that work submitted to one of the two journals could ultimately be considered for publication in the other. The *JID* and *JID Innovations* will utilize the same web-based system for manuscript submission and peer review, allowing nearly effortless, serial consideration of submitted manuscripts for publication.

### **Will *JID Innovations* and the *JID* be competitors?**

It is anticipated that the *JID* and *JID Innovations* will complement each other, rather than compete with each other. To satisfy the need for Society member-authors to publish in “gold open access” journals, the intended scope of *JID Innovations* will be broader than that of the *JID*. Dr. Hall has articulated his vision for *JID Innovations* in this [editorial](#). In addition, the online-only format will allow *JID Innovations* to publish good science that is not competitive in traditional journals due to space limitations. It is likely that the identity of *JID Innovations* will evolve over time, just as the identity of the *JID* has developed. Nonetheless, the biomedical publishing industry is changing, and many believe that immediate open access content will be increasingly required by funding agencies going forward. Thus, it is possible that, despite initial intentions, the scope of the *JID* and *JID Innovations* may converge, with some “sibling rivalry” at some point in the future.

### **What is the scope of *JID Innovations*?**

*JID Innovations* is an online-only Open Access journal that provides an international forum for the rapid and open publication of high-quality, peer reviewed research in the field of skin biology and disease. *JID Innovations* features original scientific reports related to all aspects of skin science from molecular studies to population health, including studies addressing the pathogenesis and treatment of skin diseases. *JID Innovations* articles should address questions that are important and relevant to the community of researchers and clinicians focused on skin biology and disease. Submissions may confirm or challenge current knowledge, inform the community of a new technology or resource, advance a new hypothesis, or challenge existing paradigms (see [editorial](#)). *JID Innovations* is dedicated to the free dissemination of these reports immediately upon publication, to all scientists and clinicians throughout the world, in order to more quickly advance our understanding of cutaneous biology, skin disease, and treatment.

### **What types of articles will *JID Innovations* consider?**

*JID Innovations* publishes original scientific articles, clinical trial reports, letters to the editor, methods and new technology descriptions, case reports, and reviews.

The scope of *JID Innovations* is by design broad. As our subtitle -- “Skin science from molecules to population health” -- suggests, we will publish articles on all aspects of skin biology and pathology. We are interested in molecular mechanisms and population health. We will be soliciting review articles with a focus on what experiments need to be done, looking forward, not back. We will be interested both in studies that close knowledge gaps and those that expose gaps in our current thinking. We will also seek descriptions of new methods that have great potential in the investigation of skin and skin diseases. We will pursue studies that stimulate and guide future studies; molecular studies that suggest new therapeutic interventions; as well as small clinical trials that provide potentially critical clues for mechanisms of disease.

So-called negative studies that address important questions and are well done are important in formulating future hypotheses, and they are welcome. Clinical trials on small, localized populations help researchers move towards larger definitive trials more quickly; *JID Innovations* welcomes these submissions as well. Well-done studies that contradict current dogma can open the scientific community’s eyes to new paradigms, and these are also welcome. *JID*

*Innovations* is committed to the principle that timely, barrier-free circulation of ideas is the best way to advance understanding.

**What types of articles will *JID Innovations* NOT consider?**

While *JID Innovations* publishes a wide range of topics related to investigative dermatology, all submissions to *JID-Innovations* will be subject to rigorous peer review, and all authors will be expected to make their data available for replications through an established data repository or through the authors. Authors who cannot comply with these requirements should not submit their work to *JID Innovations*.

**What are the submission requirements for *JID Innovations*?**

*JID Innovations* will simplify the initial submission process for authors. The journal participates in Elsevier's "[Your Paper Your Way](#)" program. Authors will be able to submit their manuscripts without strict formatting requirements, provided all the essential elements of an original article are present (i.e. abstract, keywords, introduction, materials and methods, results, conclusions, figures, tables and references). Reviews will be focused on the science, not the format. Only upon our acceptance or request for revision will authors be asked to conform to *JID Innovation's* publication style.

**Will *JID Innovations* submissions be peer reviewed?**

Yes. A panel of expert [Editorial Board members](#) has been assembled. With such a broad scope, it is fair to ask what criteria will be used to select articles for publication. High quality will be the touchstone for all we publish, supported by rigorous peer review. Where we differ from conventional journals will be in what we will ask of reviewers. We will judge all studies on three distinct questions:

1. Does the study address an important question?
2. Are the methods utilized sufficient to address the question, and have they been performed in a rigorous manner?
3. Has the data been analyzed in an appropriate way?

If the study meets these criteria, the Editors believe it should be published and made available to the entire scientific community.

**Is there a cost to submitting to or Publishing in *JID Innovations*?**

There are no submission fees for *JID Innovations*.

While readers will not be charged to access *JID Innovations*, there will be publication processing fees for each accepted article. A flat publication fee is imposed. This is \$1,500 for SID and ESDR members and \$2,000 for non-members.

Investigators from developing countries or with special circumstances are eligible for discounted publication rates, as described by [Research4Life](#) or by appeal to the Editor.

**I've been invited to transfer my *JID* submission to *JID Innovations*. What does this mean?**

*JID Innovations* will coordinate with the *JID* to manage articles that fall outside of *JID*'s scope. If the authors agree, articles that cannot be accepted by the *JID* will be forwarded directly to *JID Innovations* with their reviews. *JID Innovations* editors may then make an immediate decision regarding the article's suitability for publication, eliminating duplication of work for authors and reviewers and moving knowledge to our communities faster. For details about manuscript transfer, see the [Information for Authors](#).

**What is the Impact Factor for *JID Innovations*?**

As a new journal, *JID Innovations* will not have an Impact Factor for some time. Nevertheless, we have outlined important milestones for the journal to be indexed in essential abstracting and indexing services, including the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ), PubMed Central, Clarivate (which releases the annual Impact Factor scores), and Scopus.