

Proposal for a New Section in the Journal

Section Name:

Blue Ribbon Reviews

Authoritative, definitive, and enduring orthopedic knowledge.

1. Rationale

While orthopedic case reports offer valuable insights into rare presentations and novel management strategies, there is a parallel need for **high-quality, authoritative review articles** that serve as **cornerstone reference material** for clinicians, educators, and researchers.

Modeled after the success of *JAAOS* reviews, the proposed **Blue Ribbon Reviews** section will:

- Summarize the **best available evidence** on a topic.
- Provide **clinically actionable guidance**.
- Stand the test of time as **reference articles** for the subject.

2. Aim and Scope

- Publish **two invited review articles per issue** on high-impact topics across orthopedic subspecialties.
- Focus on **current best practices, controversies, and future directions**.
- Bridge the gap between **academic depth** and **clinical utility**.
- Target an audience that includes orthopedic surgeons, residents, fellows, physiotherapists, and allied professionals.

3. Content Strategy

Article Selection

- Topics chosen based on:
 - Clinical relevance and disease burden.
 - Emerging trends or technologies.
 - Areas of ongoing controversy or rapidly evolving management.
- Annual topic planning to ensure diversity across trauma, arthroplasty, sports medicine, pediatric orthopedics, spine, oncology, and basic science.

Article Structure

1. **Abstract + Key Points Box** – quick takeaway messages.
2. **Introduction** – why the topic matters now.
3. **Epidemiology & Pathophysiology** – concise, evidence-based.
4. **Diagnostic Approach** – including new imaging or lab modalities.
5. **Management Strategies** – operative and non-operative.
6. **Controversies & Consensus** – highlighting differing viewpoints.
7. **Future Directions** – innovations, ongoing trials, and gaps.

8. **Practice Algorithm** – a visual summary of recommendations.
9. **Tables/Figures** – comparative charts, surgical step illustrations.
10. **References** – prioritizing recent high-level evidence.

4. Author and Review Process

- **Invited Authors:** Recognized experts with an established publication record in the topic area.
- **Pre-Submission Topic Approval:** Editorial board to ensure novelty and importance.
- **Peer Review:** Focus on scientific accuracy, balanced perspective, and clarity.
- **Editorial Enhancement:** Consistent section branding and visual design.

5. Editorial Board & Roles

- **Section Editor(s):** Senior orthopedic surgeons with a track record in academic publishing.
- **Advisory Panel:** 4–6 subspecialty experts to recommend topics and authors.
- **Managing Editor:** Coordinates timelines and quality control.

6. Branding and Positioning

- Distinctive visual identity with **Blue Ribbon Reviews** header and emblem.
- Placement **early in each issue** to signal importance.
- Dedicated landing page on the journal website, searchable by topic and subspecialty.
- Indexed separately for ease of citation.

7. Citation and Impact Strategy

- Encourage CME accreditation for each review to increase readership.
- Dissemination through social media, professional society newsletters, and webinars.
- Annual “**Best Blue Ribbon Review**” Award to promote high-quality submissions.

8. First-Year Launch Plan

Initial Suggested Topics:

1. *Current Concepts in Periprosthetic Joint Infection Prevention and Management.*
2. *Advances in Meniscal Preservation and Repair Techniques.*
3. *Modern Strategies for Complex Acetabular Reconstruction in Revision THA.*
4. *Biological Augmentation in Rotator Cuff Repair – What Works and What Doesn't?*

9. Expected Outcomes

- Establish the journal as a **go-to resource** not only for unique cases but also for **authoritative clinical guidance**.
- Improve citation metrics and journal impact factor.
- Provide sustained educational value for the orthopedic community.