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Policies and Procedures for Managing Conflict of Interest

The following policies have been established to provide guidance with respect to the management of Conflict of Interest for the Editor-in-Chief and the Associate Editors who review, select, and publish articles in *JACC: Advances*.

In order to avoid actual or perceived Conflict of Interest:

1. Original manuscripts or research letters authored or coauthored by the Editor-in-Chief and/or by any of the Associate Editors will be handled by the Guest Editor-in-Chief. The Guest Editor-in-Chief will make all decisions regarding the manuscript. The entire editorial process will be handled confidentially.
2. Original manuscripts or research letters submitted from the Editor-in-Chief's institution will be handled by the Guest Editor-in-Chief. Manuscripts from an Associate Editor's institution can be handled by another Associate Editor from a different institution.
3. Original research manuscripts or research letters authored or coauthored by a collaborator who has published with the Editor-in-Chief within 3 years from the time of submission will be handled by the Guest Editor-in-Chief. Coauthors on government or society-initiated guidelines and scientific statements, or on non-collaborative review manuscripts, will not be, for the purpose of this procedure, considered collaborators.
4. Original research manuscripts or research letters authored or coauthored by a collaborator who has published with an Associate Editor within 3 years at the time of submission cannot be handled by that Associate Editor but can be handled by another Associate Editor. Coauthors on government or society-initiated guidelines and scientific statements, or on non-collaborative review manuscripts, will not be, for the purpose of this procedure, considered collaborators.
5. Original research manuscripts or research letters authored or coauthored by an investigator who has a close professional relationship with the Editor-in-Chief (e.g., mentee or a collaborator on a funded grant) within 3 years from the time of submission will be handled by a Guest Editor-in-Chief.
6. Original research manuscripts or research letters authored or coauthored by an investigator who has a close professional relationship with an Associate Editor (e.g., mentee or a collaborator on a funded grant) within 3 years at time of submission cannot be handled by that Associate Editor but can be handled by another Associate Editor.
7. The Editor-in-Chief may refer an original research manuscript or a research letter to the Guest Editor-in Chief to avoid a real or reasonably perceived conflict of interest. In all such cases, the Guest Editor-in-Chief makes all decisions about the manuscript, and all decisions are confidential.

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