



Thank you to our 2020 reviewers

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2020 will be a year to remember! One of the standout features for me has been the speed with which 'science' has responded to the crisis in terms of developing and disseminating new information to the community highlighting the importance of digital communication – a space that *Veterinary Evidence* comfortably occupies. The availability of pre peer-reviewed papers has become the norm but it has also emphasised the essential need and benefit of the peer-review process as a significant number of pre-review papers have not made it through to 'publication' as issues were identified during the peer-review process.

As Editor-in-chief it makes me proud and thankful that *Veterinary Evidence* has a strong but agile peer-review process and I would like to thank all of our editors and reviewers for their continued support and their diligence in meeting demanding timelines during these challenging times allowing *Veterinary Evidence* to publish more content than ever before. Without your highly valued knowledge, expertise and insights *Veterinary Evidence* would not be growing into the key knowledge source that it is today.

The *Veterinary Evidence* Editorial Board Meeting was held for the first time digitally on 7 December with the largest number of editorial board members able to attend. Members from across the globe were able to take part in wide and varied discussions around the development of the journal, resulting in important strategic initiatives and some key action points to pursue. The availability of the board to attend digitally will facilitate more frequent meetings allowing the journal to be more inclusive, and responsive to the changing landscape, as well as providing a digital recording of the event available for those board members unable to attend.

Key areas discussed included development of the format of PICO's and further refining the process for approving them, strategies to encourage engagement and submissions from veterinary nurses, and the development of policies to encourage diversity and inclusion within the board and contributors to the journal, as well as ways to increase the reach of the journal. Having only been Editor-in-chief since September, I have been very impressed by how active and dedicated our reviewers and board members are and how dynamic and forward-looking *Veterinary Evidence* is as it matures into a key contributor to veterinary literature. None of this would be possible without your support for which I am very grateful.

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