

## **Academy on Violence and Abuse Communications Committee**

### **AVA Research Review**

The AVA Research Review is a new initiative of AVA designed to provide its membership with current research updates. To be consistent with the AVA's goal to "advance education and research on the prevention, recognition and treatment of the health effects of violence and abuse" the AVA Research Review will align with this mission.

As a peer-reviewed effort, Reviews will be solicited and reviewed by the AVA Communications Committee/ Editorial Board and/or its designees. Specific Author Contributor instructions will be provided to ensure high quality, relevant and consistent up-to-date reviews of the literature published within the preceding calendar year. Reviews will be published by AVA and Authors will be provided the citation of their work to fulfill promotion and tenure requirements for a scholarly effort of a peer-reviewed article.

#### ***Call for Submissions***

The AVA, through the President's letter and AVA website, will solicit AVA Research Reviews on various topics determined by the AVA Communications Committee/ Editorial Board as well as suggestions from AVA Board and membership. An effort will be made to provide a diverse array of Reviews topics to the AVA membership.

#### ***Review Process***

The AVA Communications Committee will assemble an Editorial Board which may include non-Communications Committee professionals to assist in this editorial process. The AVA Communications Committee chairperson will oversee all editorial functions of this endeavor.

#### ***Procedure for Publication/ Distribution***

Upon initial implementation, the Committee will garner at least six reviews to enable a six month rollout prior to starting this effort. Regular solicitation will be conducted to maintain at least a two month Review article stockpile to ensure publishing/ distribution deadlines are met.

#### ***Components of an AVA Research Review***

Any research review article submitted to the AVA Research Review should contain the following in less than 1500 words:

- Review Title
- Review Author name and academic affiliation
- Articles (2-3) reviewed (cited in standard APA format)
- Summary of articles to include:
- Brief overview of problem/ issue to introduce the article(s) being reviewed
- Aims/ hypotheses of the article

- Relevant findings
- Authors' conclusions
- Potential limitations of the article/ findings
- Reviewer's Comment: "clinical/ research/ policy implications these articles have on the field of violence/ abuse"
- Reviewer's Summary: (if several articles are reviewed- summary of the findings; may compare/ contrast findings)

### ***Research Review Submission and Format***

Once a Review has been selected by the Editorial Board, and an Author is invited to write the Review, the Author has 4 weeks to complete the Review. All Reviews shall be submitted electronically to the AVA Editorial Board in Microsoft Word, double spaced, in Times New Roman or similar font. The size of the Review should be no more than 1500 words; however, this would not include Tables or Figures, should the Review Author choose to utilize those.

### ***Procedure for Review and Acceptance***

The AVA Communications Committee chairperson will screen all submitted Reviews. If acceptable, the Review will be sent to at least two AVA Communications Committee/ Editorial Board members for a peer review and a standardized review process will be completed. Should there be need for substantial revision and/or need to reject the Review, the peer review comments will be provided to the Author for revision/ reconsideration. Otherwise, for accepted Reviews, the Author will be notified of that decision and provided information on projected publish date.

### ***Conditions for Publication***

All Authors will confirm to the AVA that:

- The Review has not been published elsewhere in a similar format.
- The Author attests that he/she has made every effort to avoid personal bias in the Review.
- The Author allows AVA to make minor editing modifications if published.
- The Author discloses any financial involvement, affiliation with a company or product that is discussed in the Review and/or any other potential Conflict of Interest pertaining to the Author's Review submission.