

Call for papers on Veterinary Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Pathology

Veterinary hepatobiliary and pancreatic pathology is a fascinating discipline, with recent advances emphasizing the integration of pathologic and clinical findings to deepen our understanding of naturally occurring diseases in animals. It also plays a key role in investigating the pathobiology of experimental animals to explore mechanisms of human disease and potential health risks. The spectrum of disorders that affect these closely related systems is extensive, encompassing inflammatory and immune-mediated conditions, infectious diseases, degenerative and toxic injuries, metabolic and vascular abnormalities, and neoplastic processes. Species-specific disease patterns further complicate interpretation, requiring careful consideration of clinical context. Moreover, the liver's diverse and interconnected functions make it particularly vulnerable to concurrent disease processes. Collectively, these factors present significant challenges in the interpretation of the histopathology of these systems.

Recent technological and conceptual innovations have substantially advanced our understanding of hepatic and pancreatic biology. Developments in single-cell and spatial profiling, organoid systems, and multi-omics methodologies have provided new insights into cellular heterogeneity, regenerative pathways, metabolic regulation, immune interactions, and fibrogenesis. These approaches are reshaping current perspectives on their development and disease pathogenesis, with important implications for veterinary pathology. This special issue seeks to integrate basic, comparative, experimental, and diagnostic research that advances the field's collective knowledge of the pathology of the liver, biliary system, and pancreas.

Accordingly, Veterinary Pathology is issuing a call for papers for a special issue titled “Veterinary Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Pathology” and invites submission of primary research manuscripts.

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Submissions for this special issue should address one or more of the following themes:

1. *Naturally occurring diseases (infectious and noninfectious) affecting the hepatobiliary and/or pancreatic systems in domestic or nondomestic species*
2. *Experimentally induced conditions and biology of the hepatobiliary and/or pancreatic systems in domestic and nondomestic species*

3. *Advances in pattern recognition and diagnostic interpretation in veterinary hepatobiliary and pancreatic pathology*
4. *Disease mechanisms, including pathogenesis, pathophysiology, and correlations among pathologic, clinical, and laboratory findings of the liver, biliary system, and pancreas*
5. *Diagnostic strategies and approaches to current challenges in veterinary hepatobiliary and pancreatic pathology*

Interested authors are advised to send a short abstract summary or prospectus to the guest editors, Dr. April Choi (eachoi@ucdavis.edu), Dr. Takeshi Izawa (Takeshi.izawa@omu.ac.jp), Dr. Mason Jager (mcj34@cornell.edu), and Dr. Megan Schreeg (schreeg.1@osu.edu) before submitting a manuscript. Please submit abstracts for consideration by Monday, March 30, 2026. Upon review, corresponding authors will be contacted via e-mail regarding the status of their proposal(s) and the next steps.

Veterinary Pathology publishes basic and applied research involving domestic, laboratory, and zoo animals, wildlife, poultry, and other animals. The scope of the journal includes novel descriptions of pathologic changes, clinical pathology and clinical-pathologic correlations for natural and experimental diseases of animals, investigations of the molecular and cellular mechanisms of disease (general pathology) and other aspects of pathogenesis, descriptions and use of animal models of human disease, and studies of pharmaceutical and environmental hazards. Manuscripts considered for publication must:

1. *have significant importance to animal and/or human health,*
2. *include new knowledge supported by valid data,*
3. *address disease mechanisms (pathogenesis, pathophysiology), or pathologic findings in important new or emerging diseases or clinicopathologic correlations,*
4. *AND be of sufficiently broad interest to be of substantial value to veterinary pathologists.*