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Editorial

Guest Editor's note☆



As outlined in the introductory paper to the Virtual Special Issue (VSI) on measuring and reporting the precision of forensic likelihood ratios [1], the VSI consists of three stages:

1. *Position papers*. An open call for papers invited authors to explain and justify their position on whether the precision of forensic likelihood ratios should be measured and reported to the courts, and if so, how. Authors were not provided copies of other authors' position papers until all the position papers had been accepted and published as a block. A total of six position papers were accepted and published on the VSI webpage and in Volume 56 Issue 5 of *Science & Justice*.
2. *Response papers*. An open call for papers invited authors to respond to issues raised in the position papers – these could be any issues raised in the position papers and not necessarily restricted to the issue of precision. Authors were not provided copies of other authors' response papers until all the response papers had been accepted and published as a block. The reader should bear this in mind while reading the response papers below – the authors are responding to the previously published position papers, not to the concurrently published response papers. A total of three response papers were accepted and are published below.

3. *Reply papers*. Authors who had already contributed to the debate were invited to submit papers which are replies to arguments made in the response papers (and related arguments made in the position papers and other publications). In contrast to the first two stages, as soon as a reply paper was accepted it was provided to the other authors. Later reply papers may therefore reference not only the position and response papers, but also the earlier reply papers. The reply papers were published on the VSI webpage as they were accepted and are collected below following the response papers.

Reference

- [1] G.S. Morrison, Special issue on measuring and reporting the precision of forensic likelihood ratios: introduction to the debate, *Sci. Justice* 56 (2016) 371–373, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.scijus.2016.05.002>.

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