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Abstract Title: Editorial challenges in practice: case studies from the Indian Journal of Medical Ethics

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Background
The Indian Journal of Medical Ethics is an ethics journal with a mixed author base that includes students, medical professionals, social scientists and health advocates, and an evolving profile from supporting advocacy to publishing research and theoretical discussions on bioethics. This generates certain types of challenges to editorial decision-making.

Methods
We reviewed editorial correspondence to identify submissions that generated substantial debate among editorial board members. Three submissions were identified as explicating the issues that we grapple with. We use the case study approach to describe the editorial decision making process.

Results
The challenges that are exemplified by each case are described. First, should an academic journal be a forum for patients’ complaints? Second, how should
editors treat social science research studies without ethics review? Third, is the editor’s duty when faced with submissions based on unethical practices?

**Conclusions**
The case studies highlight the ethical dilemmas posed and potential solutions to these editorial challenges.