CONSTITUTION OF THE
ATSU/KCOM JOURNAL CLUB

PREAMBLE
The ATSU/KCOM Journal Club recognizes the yearning many medical and biomed students have to learn more scientifically based information beyond the current classroom format. The Journal Club is established by students to introduce, discuss, debate and analyze peer reviewed scientific literature covering medical issues.

ARTICLE I - NAME
Section 1 The name of this organization is the ATSU/KCOM Journal Club

ARTICLE II – PURPOSES
Section 1 To further the academic interests of any ATSU/KCOM student or faculty member by reading and reviewing a journal article of interest once monthly.

Section 2 To encourage an evidence-based approach to medical decision making by discussing current peer-reviewed literature.

Section 3 To support academic medicine and research by reading medical literature.

Section 4 To promote autonomous and student-directed learning.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP
Section 1 Membership is open to all students and faculty members of ATSU/KCOM, regardless or race, color, ability, creed, sex, national origin, marital status, religion, or sexual orientation, who espouse the purposes ATSU/KCOM Journal Club as stated in this constitution.

ARTICLE IV – ORGANIZATION
Section 1 ATSU/KCOM shall have a minimum of one advisor. All advisors must be faculty members of ATSU/KCOM. Advisors will attend meetings on a rotating basis.

Section 2 The leaders will be a president, vice president, and secretary. All officers must be students enrolled at ATSU/KCOM. Officers are elected by majority vote by members. Officers duties are described in the attached by-laws.

ARTICLE V – DUES
Section 1 Dues are $15 for two years of membership.

ARTICLE VI – NEW MEMBERS
Section 1  New members may join the club at any time. They may run for office after attending at least one meeting.

ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS
Section 1  This constitution and the accompanying by-laws may be amended pending: 1. Approval by the faculty advisor(s) and officers of ATSU/KCOM Journal Club, and 2. A three-fourths majority vote by active members. Amendments will then be submitted to SGA and the dean’s office for approval and proper filing.

ARTICLE VIII – ENABLING ACT
Upon approval of this constitution and by-laws by the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, it shall become effective immediately.

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Journal Club President   Date

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Journal Club Vice President   Date

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Journal Club Secretary/Treasurer   Date

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Journal Club Primary Advisor   Date