Current practice
In most papers the statistical analysis is either very simple (perhaps not always correctly so) or not needed. The Editorial team deals with those papers without needing to consult the Statistical Advisor.

Some papers require statistical advice typically requested by the Editor assigned to the paper or recommended by a reviewer. The paper is sent via our online system to the Statistical Advisor who reviews the paper and particularly the statistical analysis. The Statistical Advisor will typically respond in one of three ways:

- Approving the statistical analysis completely or in large part.
- Recommending appreciable changes.
- Recommending rejection of the paper based upon fundamental statistical or other flaws.

There is time pressure in processing submissions so the Statistical Advisor will be expected to respond within 14 days of request (leave and other commitments permitting).

The recommendation will be read by the Editor and as appropriate passed on to the authors. If major changes have been requested, the Statistical Advisor may be asked to review the revised paper to approve the changes.

It is likely that over time the number of requests will increase as studies become more complex. There is considerable opportunity for expanding the role depending upon the interests and availability of the Statistical Advisor.

About the role
The role of the Statistical Advisor is an honorary post to support the editorial team in assessing and improving the statistical analysis in papers under consideration for publication.

Requirements
- A strong knowledge of statistical methods with training up to at least degree standard.
- A knowledge of surgical practice with preference for plastic or orthopaedic surgery and ideally hand surgery.
- Sufficient time to fulfil the role.
- The ability to work fully online with our Editorial Manager system (with appropriate training and support).

Term
The post is appointed for 5 years in the first instance, renewable once with mutual agreement. There will be reviews at 6 months, one year and yearly thereafter to make sure the appointment is working well for the Journal and the Statistical Advisor. There will be a minimum notice period of 6 months.

How to apply
All enquiries and expressions of interest should be directed via email in the first instance to: editor@journalofhandssurgery.com.

The closing date for applications is midnight on the 15th of November 2017.