



PEER REVIEW AND PUBLICATION PROCESS OF IJRAMS: A CRITICAL REVIEW.

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1. ABOUT IJRAMS

International Journal of Research in Ayurveda & Medical Sciences (IJRAMS) is an emerging scientific e-journal. IJRAMS is published Quarterly published, Peer Reviewed online journal.¹ IJRAMS is completing successful two volumes with this Current Issue.² IJRAMS has allotted ISSN³ (International Standard Series Number) by National ISSN Center, New Delhi, India. We, as the Editorial and Management team of International Journal of Research in Ayurveda & Medical Sciences (IJRAMS) strictly follows standard ethical guidelines and publication ethics⁴ developed by COPE at 2nd World conference on Research & Integrity (2010). We don't endorse fake, unethical, plagiarized and research work and we don't accept manuscripts which are not as per standard norms. IJRAMS don't give assurance or guaranty of publication to any author unless and until they go through Peer Review process. To run the publication process smoothly IJRAMS is having well qualified & experienced Editorial Board⁵ as well as Reviewer's Panel.⁶ Plagiarism⁷ is checked at Editorial level as well as at Reviewer's level also. The management team is now working hardly to maintain transparency of Journal work and to maintain unbiased in Publication process. On basis of our standard protocol and after obtaining ISSN, we are now trying to get our journal indexed⁸ in various databases. As Editor-in-Chief I assure the researchers and authors they will surely experience standard, ethical, unbiased and transparent publication process if they submit their manuscript to our journal.

2. PUBLICATION PROCESS

Each and every scientific journal has its defined

publication process which is maintained by Editorial and Management bodies. The process starting from submission of Manuscript⁹ by author up to final publication of manuscript in journal is grossly called publication process. Publication process runs at different levels viz. submission of manuscript by authors, plagiarism check, peer review process, comments & queries are sent to author, submission of revised manuscript by author, acceptance/rejection of manuscript, publication of revised and accepted manuscript in upcoming issue of journal. Publication process may take few days to months for a certain manuscript depending upon contents of manuscripts and editorial policy of that certain journal.

3. PUBLICATION PROCESS OF IJRAMS

International Journal of Research in Ayurveda & Medical Sciences (IJRAMS) has its defined publication process. Researchers or Authors can find details regarding it on journal website. (<https://ijrams.com>). The main objective behind this article is to aware the authors regarding peer reviewed publication process of International Journal of Research in Ayurveda & Medical Sciences (IJRAMS). IJRAMS's publication process has different levels. They are explained in present article. Table No. 1 shows detailed flow chart of IJRAMS publication process.

3.1. Submission of Manuscript

After completion of research work and prior preparing the manuscript to submit for publication in IJRAMS authors first requested to go through Author Guidelines¹⁰ given on journal website. This will help authors to prepare their manuscripts as per guidelines laid by IJRAMS. Also, authors must read statement of Publica-



tion Ethics⁴ displayed on website. So that authors will be aware of ethical practices regarding scientific writing, and publication; and they can comfortably complete publication process. After preparation of manuscript authors can submit their manuscript in two ways to IJRAMS. Under submission menu there is a link for submission under which author has to fill the details in form, upload manuscript and click on SUBMIT button.¹¹ Authors may directly send their manuscript on journal mail (ijrams.editor@gmail.com, chiefeditor@ijrams.com). Kindly note that, manuscripts prepared in MS Word only are accepted. PDF files or hard copy sent by post/courier are not accepted by IJRAMS.

3.2. Plagiarism check at editorial level

Submitted manuscript undergoes for plagiarism check at editorial level. If manuscript is found plagiarized intentionally is rejected and such authors are warned regarding that. In case of manuscript, which is non-plagiarized; certain number is assigned to manuscript and provisional acceptance letter is sent to corresponding author for further reference and communication. Provisional acceptance doesn't mean that manuscript is accepted and eligible for publication. There are many intensions behind provisional acceptance notification viz. to inform author that his/her manuscript is processed by journal, to inform the manuscript number to author so that it will help author in further communication and ease of publication process, to remind author regarding Copyright transfer form and other documents if he/she misses to submit.

3.3. Peer Review Process¹²

Further manuscripts are assigned to Reviewers who are expert in that specific subject specialty. This task is done by editor. Name and identity of author is hidden from reviewer to avoid biases in Peer Review process. Reviewer evaluates the manuscript from each and every dimension. Comments and queries regarding manuscripts sent by reviewers are again sent to authors. If any reviewer recommends to reject certain

manuscript with duly reasons, such manuscript is rejected by editors and author is intimated regarding it and asked to submit neatly revised manuscript avoiding all lacunae pointed by reviewer. If rejected manuscript is revised by author and submitted again to IJRAMS, such manuscript has to undergo all process again including peer review. Complete secrecy, privacy, transparency and ethical environment is maintained during peer review process. Duties and responsibilities of Authors, Editors and Reviewers are clearly mentioned under Publication Ethics statement on journal website.⁴

3.4. Notification to authors

After review of manuscript by expert, the comments and queries raised by expert are notified to corresponding author via email by editors. Author is expected to submit the revised manuscript as per reviewer's opinion. Until and unless author doesn't submit revised manuscript, his/her manuscript is not processed further. When author submits revised manuscript, it is checked keenly by editors.

3.5. Final acceptance of manuscript

During editorial check-out, if any lacunae are observed in manuscript, then corresponding author is notified again and is asked to do remaining changes in manuscript. When editors feel satisfied regarding revised manuscript, it is accepted. This acceptance is final acceptance of manuscript and author is informed that his/her manuscript is accepted for publication in upcoming issue. This stage is also known as successful peer review process. At this stage corresponding author have to pay publication charges of manuscript. These charges are meant for publication, processing and maintenance charges. Details regarding publication charges are mentioned on journal website.

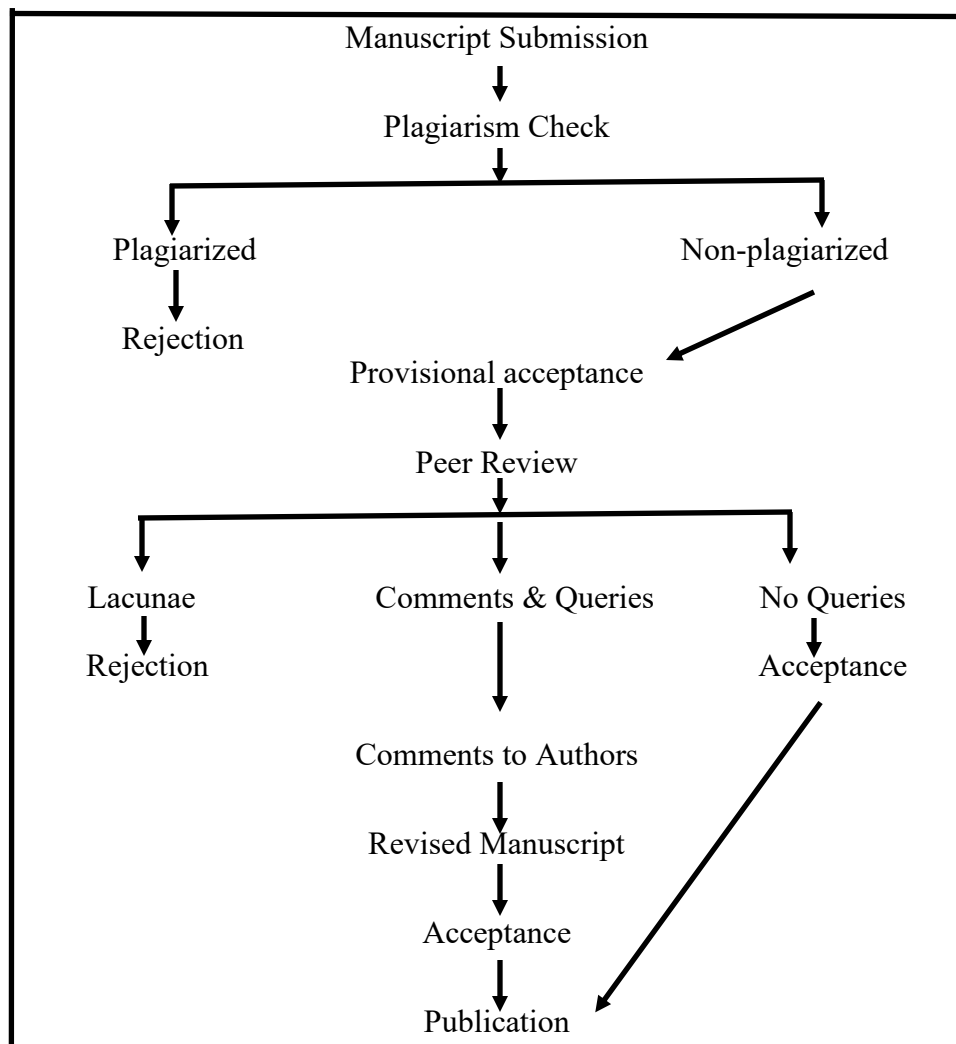


Table No 1. Shows Publication process of IJRAMS

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