

International Journal of Pharmacology and Clinical Sciences (IJPCS): the journey

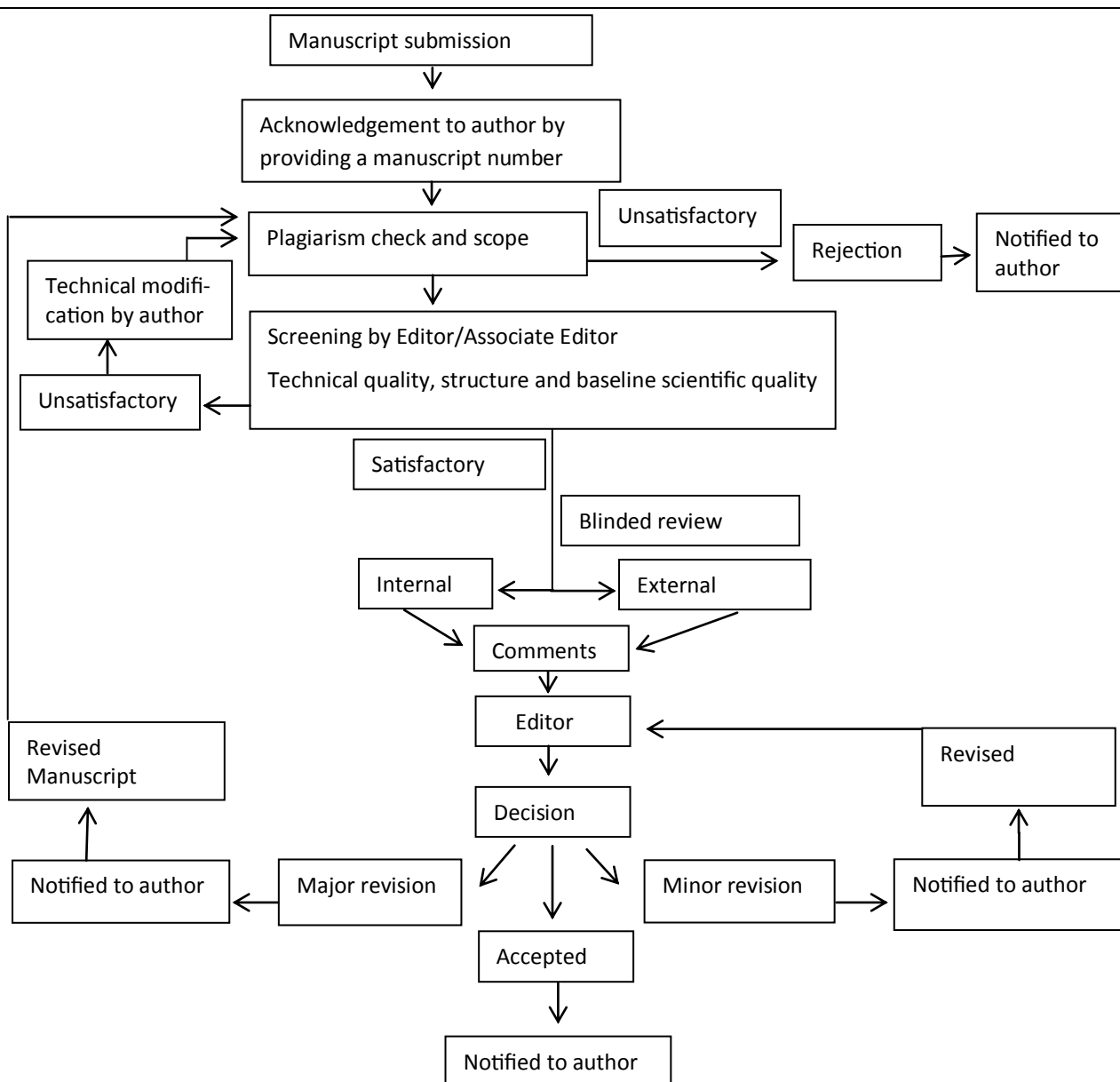
IJPCS, which began 3 years ago in the year 2012, with the intention of widely disseminating authentic scientific knowledge through open access and double blind peer review process, has published 55 articles till date free of charge to authors. All the articles are available for free download in the journal's website www.ijpcs.net.

Since its inception in April, 2012 to Dec, 2014, IJPCS has received 148 articles

from various fields of traditional and modern medicine including, pharmacology, surgery, anesthesiology, ethnopharmacology, medical education etc. In 2014, among articles submitted, 18% were of authors from outside India. 28.8% of articles submitted were published with a rejection rate of 33.3%. The review process could identify 6.6% of articles as redundant submissions.

The review process followed by the journal is provided in Fig. 1.

Figure 1: Manuscript review process of International Journal of Pharmacology and clinical Sciences (IJPCS)



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In the year 2014, the articles were rejected at the stage of editorial review mainly due to poor quality in communicating research compromising the clarity, followed by word-to-word and mosaic types of plagiarism. The articles written by untrained researchers in medical writing which were not even reviewed by their supervisors could be the cause for these types of unethical misconduct. Hence training researchers on medical writing and creating awareness among medical fraternity on importance of quality articles which can gauge the standard of research in one's country is need of the hour.

The urge to publish rapidly with the target on quantity than on the quality could be the reason for the redundant submission observed during the review process. We take utmost care to prevent redundant publication by checking for possible prior publication of the article, at submission, acceptance as well as issue preparation stages of publication process.

I must congratulate our Editorial Team and reviewers for their commendable job. A special thanks to all our reviewers who contributed to maintain standards of our journal by dedicating their time and expertise.

A very special mention regarding Dr. Veena Nayak and Dr. Bharathi Magazine, who have contributed immensely by reviewing articles from the conception of the journal till date without whom the journal would not have been maintained the standards of quality of the articles published. As a token of gratitude, the journal will be presenting them with certificate of appreciation.

I would like to share with our readers, some important events associated with the journal. With the help of the Associate Editor, Dr. Arul Amuthan and expert comments from our

Editorial Board Members, especially Dr. Ritesh Menezes, Dr. Smita Shenoy and Dr. Raakhi Tripathi, we were able to streamline our review process as given in the Fig 1. The flow chart provided was used for all the articles submitted in the year 2014.

The journal in association with the Indian Siddha Medical Graduates Association (ISMGA) had awarded authors for the best research publication in IJPCS during Word Siddha Doctors Meet held at Chennai on 14th April of every year. In the year 2012 the award was bagged by Dr. T. Thirunarayanan and Dr. S.Rajkumar for the paper entitled 'Ethnobotanical survey regarding the management of liver disorders by Traditional healers of Vellore district, Tamil Nadu, India'. Dr. T.Thirunarayanan was awarded for best research paper in the year 2013 for the paper entitled 'Ethnobotanical survey on Folk Medicine in the management of animal bite poisons in the forest tract of Salem region of Tamil Nadu, India'.

While moving forward, we shall strive to provide high quality articles to our readers. At present, prime importance will be given to quality and not on the quantity of articles published. To achieve the cause of quality, the Editorial Board hopes to train young researchers in the art of writing research articles in an attempt to reduce the rejection of articles merely because of poor quality writing.

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