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User Guidelines & Submission Instructions

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ABOUT THE JOURNAL

The International Journal of Ayurveda is a peer-reviewed academic publication dedicated to advancing traditional medicine through rigorous scientific research. Our mission is to bridge ancient Ayurvedic wisdom with modern research methodologies, creating a platform for global scholars, practitioners, and researchers.

Journal Scope

- Classical Ayurvedic principles and practices
- Clinical research in traditional medicine
- Pharmacological studies of Ayurvedic formulations
- Case studies and clinical observations
- Integration of Ayurveda with modern healthcare
- Educational methodologies in traditional medicine
- Historical and philosophical aspects of Ayurveda

Publication Standards

- **Peer-reviewed**: All articles undergo rigorous expert review
- International reach: Welcoming submissions from global researchers
- Open access: Making research freely available to the community
- Professional quality: Maintaining highest academic standards

FOR AUTHORS - SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

What We Publish

- ✓ Original Research Articles (3000-6000 words)
- ✓ **Review Articles** (4000-8000 words)
- ✓ Case Studies (1500-3000 words)

- ✓ Clinical Observations (1000-2500 words)
- ✓ Commentary & Opinion Pieces (800-1500 words)
- **Book Reviews** (500-1000 words)

Manuscript Preparation

Essential Components:

1. Title Page

- o Article title (concise and descriptive)
- o Author names and affiliations
- Corresponding author contact details
- Word count and conflict of interest statement

2. **Abstract** (250-300 words)

- o Background and objectives
- Methods (for research articles)
- o Results/findings
- o Conclusion and implications

3. Keywords

- o 5-8 relevant keywords
- Use both Ayurvedic and modern medical terminology

4. Main Text Structure

- o **Introduction**: Background and objectives
- o **Methods**: Detailed methodology (for research)
- **Results**: Clear presentation of findings
- o **Discussion**: Interpretation and implications
- o Conclusion: Key takeaways and future directions
- Acknowledgments: Funding, support, contributions

5. References

- o Use Vancouver style citation
- o Include both classical texts and modern research
- o Minimum 15 references for research articles

Formatting Requirements

- **File format**: Microsoft Word (.docx) or PDF
- Font: Times New Roman, 12pt
- Line spacing: Double-spaced
- **Margins**: 1 inch on all sides
- Page numbers: Bottom right
- **Tables and figures**: High resolution, properly labeled

Submission Process

- 1. **Prepare your manuscript** according to guidelines
- 2. **Email submission** to: editor@internationaljournalofayurveda.org
- 3. **Include cover letter** stating:
 - o Article type and title
 - o Brief summary of contribution

- Confirmation of originality
- Author contact information
- 4. **Wait for confirmation** (within 48 hours)
- 5. **Peer review process** (4-6 weeks)
- 6. **Revision process** (if required)
- 7. Final acceptance and publication

PEER REVIEW PROCESS

Review Timeline

- Initial Review: 1 week (editorial screening)
- **Peer Review**: 4-6 weeks (expert evaluation)
- **Author Revisions**: 2-4 weeks (if required)
- **Final Decision**: 1-2 weeks
- **Publication**: 2-3 weeks after acceptance

Review Criteria

- Originality: Novel contribution to the field
- Scientific rigor: Appropriate methodology and analysis
- Relevance: Significance to Ayurvedic research
- Clarity: Clear writing and logical structure
- **References**: Adequate and appropriate citations
- Ethics: Compliance with research ethics standards

Possible Outcomes

- Accept without revision
- Accept with minor revisions
- X Reject with option to resubmit
- X Reject

FOR REVIEWERS

Reviewer Responsibilities

- **Timely review**: Complete reviews within 4 weeks
- Constructive feedback: Provide detailed, helpful comments
- Confidentiality: Maintain manuscript confidentiality
- Objectivity: Unbiased evaluation based on merit
- **Professional conduct**: Respectful and ethical behavior

Review Process

- 1. **Invitation**: Receive email invitation with manuscript details
- 2. Accept/Decline: Respond within 48 hours
- 3. **Review period**: 4 weeks to complete review
- 4. **Submit review**: Detailed feedback and recommendation
- 5. **Follow-up**: Available for clarification if needed

Review Form Sections

- **Summary**: Brief overview of the manuscript
- Strengths: What the paper does well
- Weaknesses: Areas needing improvement
- Specific comments: Line-by-line feedback
- Recommendation: Accept/Revise/Reject with justification

PUBLICATION ETHICS & GUIDELINES

Author Ethics

- Originality: Submit only original, unpublished work
- Multiple submission: Do not submit to multiple journals simultaneously
- Authorship: Include only contributors who meet authorship criteria
- Conflicts of interest: Declare all relevant conflicts
- Data integrity: Ensure accuracy and availability of data
- Plagiarism: Properly cite all sources and avoid self-plagiarism

Editorial Ethics

- Fair review: Equal treatment regardless of author background
- Confidentiality: Protect manuscript and reviewer confidentiality
- Conflicts of interest: Editors recuse themselves from own submissions
- Transparency: Clear communication about decisions and processes

Institutional Guidelines

- Ethics approval: Required for human/animal research
- **Informed consent**: Necessary for clinical studies
- **Data protection**: Comply with privacy regulations
- Traditional knowledge: Respect for indigenous knowledge systems

WEBSITE NAVIGATION GUIDE

Homepage Features

- Current issue: Latest published articles
- **Journal information**: About, scope, and editorial board
- Submission portal: Guidelines and contact information
- Archives: Past issues and articles
- **Search function**: Find specific topics or authors

Article Access

- Open access: All articles freely available
- **PDF download**: Direct download links
- Citation tools: Standard citation formats
- Social sharing: Share articles easily

User Accounts (Future Feature)

- Author dashboard: Track submission status
- **Reviewer portal**: Manage review assignments
- Alerts: Notification of new issues
- **Favorites**: Save articles of interest

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- **Submission questions**: Same email address
- **Technical support**: Same email address
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Response Times

- **General inquiries**: Within 48 hours
- **Submission confirmations**: Within 24 hours
- **Review status updates**: Weekly (during review process)
- **Technical issues**: Within 24 hours

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Submission Questions

Q: Is there a submission fee?

A: No, we do not charge submission or publication fees.

Q: What language should manuscripts be in?

A: English is the primary language, but we welcome Sanskrit terms with translations.

Q: Can I submit case studies?

A: Yes, well-documented case studies are welcome.

Q: Do you accept review articles?

A: Yes, comprehensive review articles are highly valued.

Review Process

Q: How long does peer review take?

A: Typically 4-6 weeks, depending on reviewer availability.

Q: Can I suggest reviewers?

A: Yes, you may suggest suitable reviewers in your cover letter.

Q: What if I disagree with reviewer comments?

A: You may respond to comments in your revision letter with justification.

Publication

Q: When will my accepted article be published?

A: Typically 2-3 weeks after final acceptance.

Q: Can I share my published article?

A: Yes, our open access policy allows free sharing.

Q: How do I cite articles from your journal?

A: Standard academic citation format; examples provided on website.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

Planned Features

- **DOI assignment**: Digital object identifiers for all articles
- **Indexing applications**: Major database inclusion
- Online submission system: Automated manuscript handling
- Mobile app: Easy access to journal content
- Webinars: Regular educational sessions

Growth Initiatives

• **Special issues**: Themed collections on specific topics

- International collaborations: Partnerships with global institutions
- Conference proceedings: Publishing selected conference papers
- Mentorship program: Supporting early-career researchers

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