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To,
The Editor,
Indian Journal of Medical Ethics.
Sub: Submission of a review article

Respected Sir,

I would like to submit the article entitled "**The Known and Unknown of Ethical Practices of Research in Adult Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse: A narrative review**" for consideration of publication in your esteemed journal as a Review Article.

The article attempts to review an area which has had sparse focus despite significant clinical implications. While the last decade has seen fine tuning of ethical guidelines for children who have been exposed to sexual abuse, attempts to extend these guidelines to adults who present with consequences of child sexual abuse in totality may not be meaningful. The ambiguity with regards to ethical guidelines in this sub-group have created a reluctance to embark/encourage research in this area. This review attempts to detail what is known and what needs to be known, with regards to the ethical framework for adult survivors of child sexual abuse. This we hope will add a future impetus of addressing and refining the ethical aspects which will help foster research in a climate which is minimally intrusive to the individual and socially, culturally and legally acceptable.

This article has been previously submitted as "Do we have guidelines for research on survivors of Child Sexual Abuse? A review", on 28/1/2017 with Ms. Radhika K as first author/corresponding author. The article had a final decision of resubmission as a 'Fresh Article'


on 6/10/17. The previous submission has since underwent major revisions and all suggestions of the Editor/Reviewers have been addressed. The current article has myself (Dr Manjula) as corresponding author, while Ms Radhika K will be the first author.

I would like to state that the article has not been submitted for publication anywhere else. The manuscript has been read by each author and approved. All of us state that this is an honest work and all the requirements for authorship have been met by all of the authors. To the best of our knowledge, it does not infringe upon any copyright or property right of any third party. We hereby transfer, assign, or otherwise convey all copyright ownership, including any and all rights incidental thereto, exclusively to the journal, in the event that such work is published by the journal.

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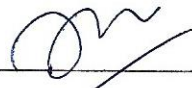
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