A PRESENTATION ON

“RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION STRATEGY FOR ACADEMIC CAREER”

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National Education Policy (NEP) set a goal to enable, ‘a culture of high quality Research and Publication’
NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY (NEP) 2020

Emphasizing on High Quality Research & Publication

• NRF will provide a reliable base of merit-based peer-reviewed research funding, helping to develop a culture of research in the country

• Fund competitive peer-reviewed grant proposals of all types and across all disciplines;

• Seed, grow, and facilitate research at academic institutions, particularly at universities and colleges where research is currently in a nascent stage,

• Act as a liaison between researchers and relevant branches of government as well as industry, so that research scholars are constantly made aware of the most urgent national research issues

• Recognise outstanding research and progress achieved via NRF funding/mentoring across subjects
1. What is research?
   - Research is the extended human knowledge of the physical, biological and the social world beyond what is already known.

2. Why is research essential?
   - The quest for knowledge is the basic principle behind research. The quality of research work directly translates to the quality of teaching and learning in the classroom, thereby benefiting the students, society and the country.
   - The promotion of research in a huge and diverse country like India will help the nation evolve as a knowledge reservoir in the international arena.
3. Who can contribute to research?
Academicians, scientists, technocrats, students/research scholars and NGOs working for the service of the society.

4. What type of research encouraged?
Research which will be useful (including scientific, health related and socio economic issues) to the society at large and to the common people of the entire globe.

What is Research philosophy?
Research philosophy is a standard way as to how experiment data be collected and analyzed.

Ethics and integrity in research
Ethics plural in form but singular or plural in construction: that discipline dealing with what is good and bad with moral duty and obligation.
WHY PUBLICATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL IN ACADEMICS?

- **Accountability:**
  Contribution towards scientific/social/economic growth of the society

- **Reputation:**
  Recognition of your work to the community at large/peers

- **Wealth:**
  Promotion, grant applications, research funding
  “If your research does not generate publications, it might just as well not have been done” George Whitesides (Harvard University)
PHILOSOPHY OF RESEARCH

Genesis of Scientific Research

Observation

CURIOSITY

Ask Questions

Hypothesis

Literature search

Experiments

Show results

Conclusion

Collection of data

Develop interaction
AUTHORSHIP IN MANUSCRIPT

What constitutes authorship?

• A person who agreed to review your manuscript before submission to the Journal

• A person who had provided materials for the research or provide basic research facilities

• Should this person be an author?

Considerations:

• Authorship criteria: substantial contribution and accountability for the research

• Is acknowledgement rather than authorship more appropriate?

• Reviewer should also have decided Conflict of Interest
PLAGIARISM

- **Intentional Plagiarism:**
  A researcher presents ideas or findings from other published papers as his own instead of citing those papers.

- **Unintentional Plagiarism:**
  A researcher is extensively referencing past works and ends up using too much of the original text from those works.

**Considerations:**
- Where in the text do the similarities occur?
- Direct copying and theft? Or use of prior published article as inspiration?
- Is the data authentic? Are the results new?
- If yes, a correction could be appropriate citing the previous publication.
- If no, a retraction could be appropriate.
CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF THE JOURNALS

Publishing standards
I. Publication timeline
II. International editorial board
III. Bibliographic information
IV. Peer review process

Editorial Contents
i. Is subject already well covered?
ii. How does this Journal compare with other journals on the same topics?

Diversity
i. Editors, AU, Board members represents international community
ii. Does this Journal address the international or regional targeted audience
IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER FOR SUBMISSION OF MANUSCRIPT

Do not submit “salami” articles

Be self-critical

Pay attention to ethical standards

Submit to the right Journal

Ask your colleagues to proof read the articles

Check English language

Pay attention to Journal requirements and structure

Submit to one Journal only
PEER REVIEW PROCESS

Central Role

Widely accepted methodology

Validate Research

Established Methods to evaluate

Increases networking within the community
TYPES OF EDITORIAL DECISION

- Minor Revision
- Major Revision

Decision
1. It may provide guidance but should not be the sole reason to submit in a Journal.

2. It gives information to the recent citations/number of publications in the last two years in a Journal.

The most impactful research changes our fundamental understanding or open a new path of investigations.

Suppose if we want to calculate the IF of Journal X then for 2019,

Citation of papers published in
- 2018 = 220
- 2017 = 439
- Total = 659

No of papers published in
- 2018 = 128
- 2017 = 145
- Total = 275

Calculation:
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\frac{\text{Citations of recent publications}}{\text{Number of recent publications}} = \frac{659}{273} = 2.414
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DEFINITION: PREDATORY JOURNALS AND PUBLISHERS

“Predatory journals and publishers are entities that prioritize self-interest at the expense scholarship and are characterized by false or misleading information, deviation from best editorial and publication practice, a lack of transparency, and/or the use of aggressive and indiscriminate solicitation practices”

University Grant Commission Consortium for Academic and Research Ethics
UGC-CARE Reference List of Quality Journals (UGC-CARE List).
http://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-019-03759-y
http://mbio.asm.org/content/10/3/e00411-19
HOW TO IDENTIFYING PREDATORY PUBLISHERS AND JOURNALS?

• **Unsolicited request** for submission to the journal via E-mail and not through a submission portal.

• The journal **has no address or contact information** or

• Author Guidelines- is there mention of **peer review process** or basic submission requirements?

• **Review/ Read a few published papers** – Papers accepted quickly may indicate lack of peer review. There is no article retraction policy.

• Papers published on all subjects/large number of new journals from the same publisher

• Images or logos are distorted/fuzzy or misrepresented/unauthorized.

• Website contains spelling and grammar errors

• The website is not professional in quality – ex: visible visitor counter on journal websites

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**ThinkCheckSubmit**

Seeks to educate scientist authors about how to decide which journals to submit their work to.

It is sponsored by an international group of publishers and libraries and offers a checklist for evaluating a journal’s legitimacy.

http://thinkchecksubmit.org/
- Check whether Publisher is a member of Committee of Publications Ethics

- If the journal states that it is Open Access,
  
  • Is it listed in the Directory of Open Access Journal’s [https://doaj.org/](https://doaj.org/)?
  
  • Is the a member of Open Access Scholarly Publishers’ Association?

- Article Publication Charges (APC) are **only** charged from the author if the article is **accepted** after completion of peer review- it is a **publication fee** and **NOT** submission fee- Authors maintain copyright

http://thinkchecksubmit.org/sample-page/check/
FABRICATION OF DATA

• Peer reviewer suspects data manipulation in a submitted manuscript
• What could the editor do?

Considerations:
• Request time-stamped original data files
• Raise with author’s institution to investigate
• If satisfactory explanation, peer review can proceed
• If unsatisfactory explanation, manuscript will be rejected.
HOW TO REVIEW THE RESEARCH PAPER?

• Identify the MS-full length paper/ short communication/Letter/Review article.

• Parameters are different i.e. literature survey is an important for review, previous work, capability of authors should be checked and then one has to give the final decision.

• In full paper - Results and discussion characterization are key factors.

• In short communications or letters experimentation and conclusion are very important
1. Check the title and match with MS
2. Abstract is in tune with the MS
3. Key words
4. Introduction, Including rational and justification of work reported in the MS and literature survey
5. Chemistry, results and discussion, biological activity including units, spectroscopy
6. Scheme, including conditions and substitutions
7. Check Table carefully including unit of physical constants
8. Experimental including name of instruments, elemental analysis, IR, 1H NMR, 13C, Mass spectra including workload
9. SAR, Conclusion, SI data
10. Most important references, Language and plagiarism
CURBING ON PLAGIARISM

PART-II

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UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISION (PROMOTION OF ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND PREVENTION OF PLAGIARISM IN HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS) REGULATIONS, 2018

New Delhi

23rd July, 2018

F. 1-18/2010(CPP-II)
"PLAGIARISM" MEANS THE PRACTICE OF TAKING SOMEONE ELSE’S WORK OR IDEA AND PASSING THEM AS ONE’S OWN.


Plagiarism may consist in very short passages of text. In principle, it may consist in one word or expression only. But that would have to be a very special, novel word or expression creatively used, e.g. forming a new concept, perhaps something that throws new light on an area of interest. It would also have to be a situation where the plagiariser, by plagiarising, gives the impression that he invented the concept.

Using ordinary words like “and”, “it”, or “are” can never, as such, constitute plagiarism. Nor can the use of series of words, e.g. “smokers”, which are so common that they cannot meaningfully be attributed to any writer. The Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) provides the example of “smokers with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease” being used in science as a standard phrase, with more than 58,000 hits on Google. However, if a significant number of ordinary sentences are arranged after each other in exactly the same manner as written by another author, then this may again be considered plagiarism. Thus, plagiarism can consist as little as one word, while there are many standard phrases and terms that will not be labelled as plagiarism even if, in fact, copied from someone else’s research write-up.
EXCLUSION OF PLAGIARISM AS PER UGC NOTIFICATION

The similarity checks for plagiarism shall exclude the following,

• All quoted work reproduced with all necessary permission and/or attribution.
• All references, bibliography, table of content, preface and acknowledgements.
• All generic terms, laws, standard symbols and standards equations.
Similarities up to 10% - Minor similarities, no penalty.

Similarities above 10% and above: Shall be asked to withdraw manuscript.

Level 2: Similarities above 40% to 60%
I. Shall be asked to withdraw manuscript.
II. Shall be denied a right to one annual increment.
III. Shall not be allowed to be a supervisor to any new Master’s, M.Phil., Ph.D. Student/scholar for a period of two years.

Level 3: Similarities above 60%
I. Shall be asked to withdraw manuscript.
II. Shall be denied a right to two successive annual increments.
III. Shall not be allowed to be a supervisor to any new Master’s, M.Phil., Ph.D. Student / scholar for a period of three years.
This is to certify that the contents of this thesis entitled “Studies on pharmaceutically important heterocyclic compounds as potential antimicrobial agents” is the original research work of Miss. Joshi Surbhabita Bharatkumar carried out under my guidance.

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3. All generic terms, laws, standard symbols and standard equations.

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FREELY AVAILABLE PLAGIARISM CHECKER TOOLS

- PlagScan
- PaperRater
- PlagTracker
- SmallSEOTools
- Unicheck
- Noplag
- Turnitin
- Quetext
- Grammarly
- CopyScape
PART-III

Credit Courses For Awareness About Publication Ethics And Publication Misconducts entitled Research and Publication Ethics (RPE)

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UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISION

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, December, 2019

F. 1-1/2018(Journal/Care)
SYLLABUS IN DETAIL

RPE 01: Philosophy and ethics (3 hrs.)
RPE 02: Scientific conduct (7 hrs.)

RPE 03: Publication ethics (7 hrs.)

RPE 04: OPEN ACCESS PUBLISHING (4 hrs.)

RPE 05: PUBLICATION MISCONDUCT (4 hrs.)

B. Software tools (2 hrs.)
Use of plagiarism software like Tumitin, Urkund and other open source software tools
RPE 06: DATABASES AND RESEARCH METRICS (7 hrs.)

A. Databases (4 hrs.)
1. Indexing databases
2. Citation databases: Web of science, Scopus, etc.

B. Research Metrics (3 hrs.)
1. Impact factor of journal as per journal citation report, SNIP (Source Normalized Impact per Paper), SJR (SCImago Journal Rank), IPP (Informatics Project Proposal), Cite score
2. Metrics: h-index, g index, i10 index, almetrics
SYSTEMATIC MANIPULATION AND AUTHORSHIP FOR SALE

**Fig 1. An Example of Peer Review Manipulation**

1. A THIRD PARTY GUARANTEES ACCEPTANCE FOR A FEE
   - Third party generates false favorable peer reviewer reports
   - Peer reviewer invitations go to the third party via false email addresses
   - Manuscript undergoes peer review process
   - Third party offers authorship for sale

2. MANUSCRIPT WITH AUTHORS A & B
   - Suggests reviewer with false email addresses
   - Submits to a journal
   - Manuscript is accepted
   - Authors A & B pay third party
   - The Manuscript is accepted

3. Authors A & B is published

**Fig 2. An Example of Authorship for Sale**

1. A THIRD PARTY
   - Submits to a journal
   - Manuscript undergoes peer review process
   - Manuscript is accepted
   - Third party offers authorship for sale

2. MANUSCRIPT WITH AUTHORS A & B
   - Manuscript is published

3.Authors C & D pay third party

4. MANUSCRIPT WITH AUTHORS A, C & D IS PUBLISHED
   - Third party changes authorship on manuscript

Source: https://publicationethics.org/version 1, Nov 2018
Thoughts on What Chemists Can Contribute to Fighting SARS-CoV-2 – A Short Note on Hand Sanitizers, Drug Candidates and Outreach

Till Opatz, Joerg Senn-Bilfinger, and Clemens Richert*

Dedicated to the health care professionals who lost their lives fighting SARS-CoV-2

alcohols · antivirals · disinfectants · pandemic · SARS-CoV-2

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Remdesivir
First big research scandal of the COVID-19 era for the data fabrication,

- The Lancet paper (IF-60.392), which claimed an antimalarial drug touted by President Donald Trump for treatment of COVID-19 could cause serious harm without helping patients, had had a global impact, halting trials of one of the drugs by the World Health Organization (WHO) and others.

- The NEJM (IF-74.699) study that was retracted had concluded, based on Surgisphere-provided data from hospitals around the world, that taking certain blood pressure drugs, including angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors, didn’t appear to increase the risk of death among COVID-19 patients, as some researchers had suggested.
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT - COVID-19

Over 500 journal articles were published in the first two months of 2020, and the number of published articles has increased each week since the week of January 13, 2020.

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Number of journal articles related to COVID-19 published each week
Research Group of
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