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KEY FEATURES

Easy accessibility, prompt service and unbiased decision. It maintains quick and easy communication between Editors and Authors through

- **E-mail**- uses business mail services
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- **Telephonic**- uses online IVRS services
- **Direct appointments**- uses 3rd party online appointment schedule .

It also provides fast track services for authors who wish to have a quicker peer review and decision on the articles.

KEY POINT IN DEVELOPMENT

- JCDR had humble beginnings; it started with publishing 10-12 articles bimonthly. Being a multispecialty journal, it now publishes 4-5 articles per spatiality and a grand total of 145 articles per month.
- The average number of hits per day for the month of September 2015 were 54926.
- Aims to bring forward research works of authors with lesser skills for writing by providing drafting services and hand holding them through the process of publishing.
- JCDR has its own office.
- Uses a mix of core on-sight staff and a periphery of freelance staff working full or part time and has its on office.
- No advertisements are considered in print version of the journal.
- Not dependent on any society/ pharmaceutical company.

JOURNAL INDEXING

Pubmed Central (PMC), Embase and Embiology, Google Scholar, EBSCO Host, DOAJ, SCOPUS, Hinari (WHO) and others.

HOW MANUSCRIPTS ARE OBTAINED AND TRACKED

Manuscripts are obtained from India and abroad.
The manuscripts are processed through an online Manuscript Management system, developed by in- house IT team.

JCDR Office

HOW REVIEWERS ARE IDENTIFIED AND EVALUATED

Double blinded, peer review process is followed. The qualified researchers and authors of high quality articles submitted to JCDR, are sent request mails for reviewing articles. Author suggested reviewers are also approached. Besides, database searches are done to mark similar research articles, those authors are requested and manuscripts sent, if affirmative. In cases where review reports are not obtained within the stipulated time, after trying three sets of honorary reviewers, a paid peer review is obtained. Reviewers are graded from 1 to 10 based on promptness, completeness and how useful the comments were in taking final decision on articles. Dedicated positions are there in house for identifying peer reviewers, promptness of review and grading the reports.

CURRENT PROBLEMS OF CONCERN

- Publisher's concern is to expand with a better and more affluent functioning, simultaneously maintaining low publication charges and economic independence.
- The editorial concern is to publish good science.
- Another problem is the time spent on resolving authorship conflict and post publication issues.

PLAN FOR DEVELOPING THE JOURNAL

The journal aims to become a respectable and sort after platform for publishing good science with editorial independence.

PAST CONFLICTS

- A research, post peer review, was published which later turned out to be based on fake data. The article was retracted, however authors filed a lawsuit against JCDR.
- OMICS group offered to buy our journal, when denied, they started another journal with a very similar name and web address. Authors confuse between these two journals and this has lead to many mis-communications. They approached the authors of articles published in JCDR, asking for short communication on authors own topic. This is probably aimed at cross linking the two unrelated websites and to create confusion among authors.