

IJBS Publication Ethics and Malpractice Statement

The editorial team of the *International Journal of Behavioral Science* (IJBS) endeavors to uphold the best practices to ensure that the highest standards of ethics are maintained in publication of the journal and any malpractice is prevented. These ethical standards cover all aspects of publishing the journal including, the procedure, editorial inputs, peer review and also the contributions by the authors. The journal's editorial team continuously makes efforts to reflect, review, and improve these ethical practices.

Publishing Procedure

- IJBS only accepts original research papers and academic articles.
- IJBS cannot accept papers which are duplicated or/and plagiarized (including contents like figures, tables, data, etc.).
- IJBS allows and accepts submissions from diverse backgrounds and does not discriminate on any grounds.
- IJBS adheres to the procedures set for the journal, beginning from paper acceptance, to peer review, paper publishing, and dissemination.
- IJBS assumes the responsibility for environmental concern to make the journal “green”, including taking actions to reduce printed materials.
- Confidentiality of the work submitted for publication to IJBS would be upheld by the editorial team and the peer reviewers.

Editorial Responsibility

- The editorial board is selected on the basis of their expertise and diversity.
- All members of the editorial team must uphold the ethical principles in decisions related to the IJBS.
- If any issues and/or conflicts arise, these would be addressed in a professional manner.

Peer Review

Each submitted research paper/article for publishing in the *International Journal of Behavioral Science* undergoes a rigorous process of editorial review and peer review. The IJBS rigorously follows the “double blind peer review” process.

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- The selection of reviewers is based on their expertise in the area. So the reviewers should accept the papers according to their expertise.
- Reviewers should maintain the confidentiality of the manuscript and the review and not use it for any other purposes other than the review.
- Reviewers are responsible for viewing papers in terms of all the criteria set up for the IJBS. The peer review report should be filled in as per the IJBS guidelines.
- In case of a problem, such as conflict of interest or any links with the reviewed paper, the reviewer must address this issue by bringing it forward to the Editor.
- If a reviewer feels it is not possible for him/her to complete the review of manuscript within stipulated time then this information must be communicated to the editor, so that the manuscript could be sent to another reviewer

Authorship

- Original research papers, articles and work must be sent for publishing; authors should submit only those works which have not been published before.
- Author is responsible for their papers in terms of matching it with the aims and scope of IJBS, the standard APA style format, completeness, acknowledging sources, preventing plagiarism (including self-plagiarism), and also including the names of all authors who have contributed to the submitted work.
- Ethics must be upheld in all aspects of the research process, including data collection, ensuring confidentiality of the participants, and also taking their acceptance to participate in the research, and the ethical treatment of the subjects (including animals).
- The authors need to work along with the IJBS editorial requirements and edit their work as needed. In case of any conflict or problem in editing the manuscript, the author should inform the editor of IJBS without any delay.