

JSIR goes DYNAMIC

Disseminating science is not simple but an enduring endeavour. In science publishing, contemporariness is the key factor for sustenance and growth. How much contemporary and relevant are you, steers to success. Ideally, bringing in the ‘change’ as desired by the user groups helps to stay in the race. After all, being dynamic and interactive, attracts innovative researchers. In JSIR, we would like to introduce/rearrange the following features to make it a more vibrant platform for academicians and researchers to contribute, share and exchange their findings, understandings, views, opinions, etc.

The structure of new JSIR will have the following sections:

- 1) *Rapid Communications*: The Rapid Communications section invites short papers with highly original and significant material. Essentially, the outcome of pilot studies suits this section. Papers in this section may be limited to 4 to 6 pages (final formatted) only. Hence, the write up has to be narrow and extremely focused to the data/study that one intends to publish. Papers communicated to this section shall preferably be published on priority within 4 months of initial error-free submission. Number of rapid communications per issue will be based on availability and space.
- 2) *Minireview*: A “minireview” is a comprehensive yet brief article that broadly covers the current state of R & D on a given topic. The coverage should include: (i) Major advances and discoveries; (ii) significant gaps in the research; (iii) current debates; and (iv) ideas of where research in that particular subject move towards. Normally, it is invited by the Editor from experts who are authorities in that given area of research as evidenced by their publications. Such experts may also contribute minireview on their own. Minireview may run into 10 to 15 pages (final formatted).
- 3) *Original papers*: Articles tend to be highly technical, representing the latest research and experimental results in the field of science (Scope) covered by the journal. ‘Instructions to authors’ may be referred for further details.
- 4) *Short notes/Short communication*: This section gives opportunity to researchers who have data, technically sound that may not be of much novelty but of routine nature, to publish. It should be tightly focused and brief; its message can be rapidly assimilated by the reader. Write-up should be restricted to what is new in that particular work.
- 5) *Scientific Commentaries*: It is more of a popular approach than scholarly, but certainly academic. Commentaries are usually very short articles or opinion on a topical issue relevant at that point of time. It provides a platform to researchers to share their opinion/understanding of issues of their interest among their peer. It may run into 500-1000 words, and are necessarily contributed the experts in the field. They may include a few references, and one or two tables and figures as required.

Of the above, contributions to sections 1 to 4 will be vetted through the mandatory peer-review process for publication. Novelty and contemporariness decides the eligibility for sections 1 & 3. We welcome the researchers and academicians to take advantage of this opportunity and get them heard by or reach out to their peers.