

Journey So Far : “GCRI BulletinGujarat Cancer Society Research Journal”


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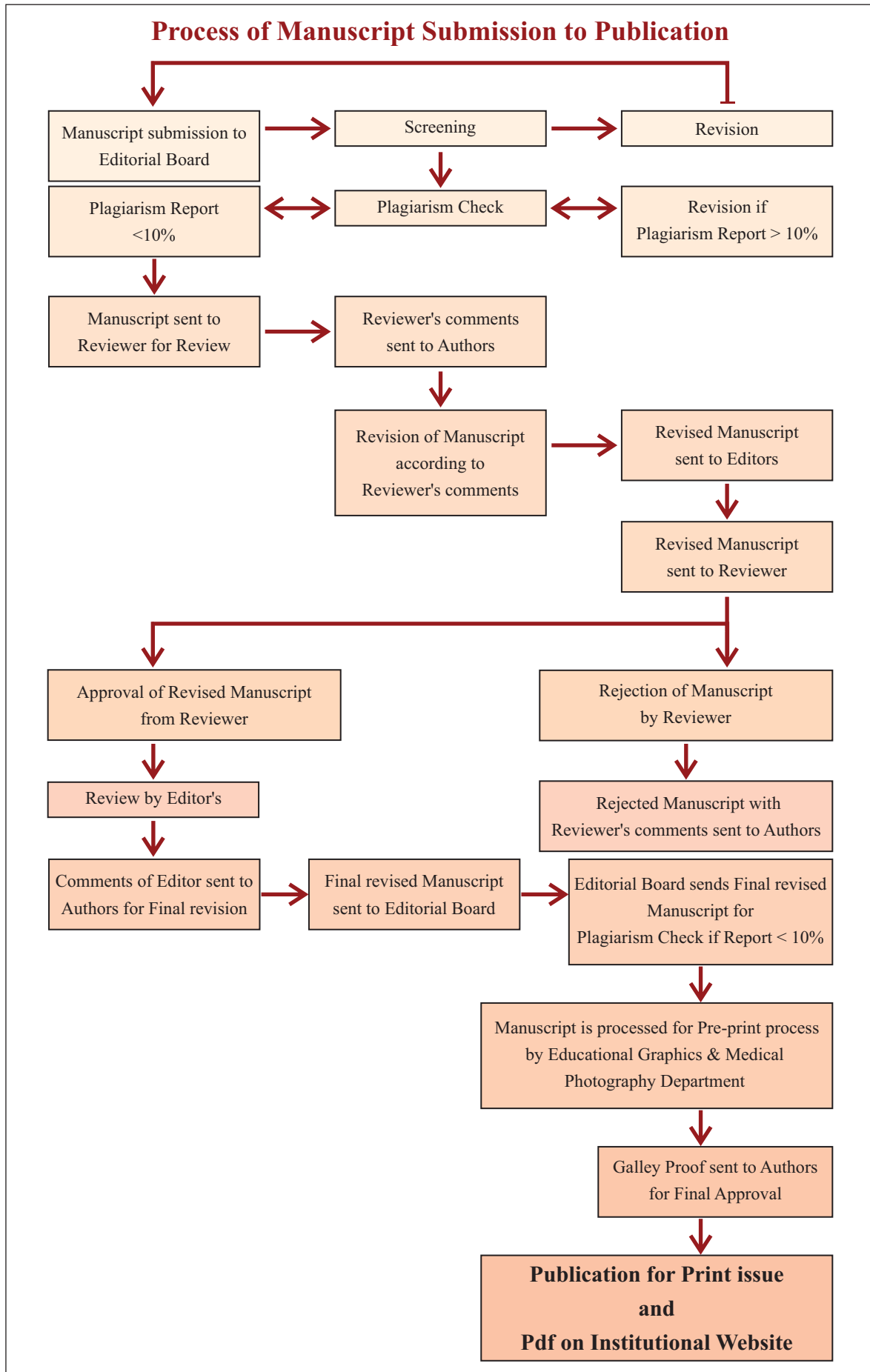
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Research and publication complement teaching and training, clinical care, and public health works. Equally, ‘Success in Academic’ unequivocally depends on “research and publications”. It is documented as lifelong learning process to communicate one’s ideas to scientific peers, and invite them to express an informed view. Thus **“Publication of your work is de rigueur.” A journal is an academic phenomenon of clinical research, hard work, talent, and creativity, skilfully showcasing the excellence of the science that it embodies.** Hence, in the year 1991, the GCRI Teacher forum put forth a proposition to have a journal published from the institute emphasizing the need to create platform to enable learners seeking knowledge to thrive through such type of communications. This challenge was undertaken by Dr. Dilip D Giri, Former Professor of Pathology and by Dr. Siddharth Adhvaryu, Former Chief Research Officer, and finally, they set the ball rolling on to transform scientific and clinical research knowledge in form of **GCRI BULLETIN**. Supportively, the Gujarat Cancer Society most generously accepted the responsibility to finance for the publication of the Journal and translating suggestion into reality. On December 1991, the journey began and the first issue of GCRI Bulletin was launched with contributions from academic and Research GCRI staff members. **Dr. M. R. Das**, Director Grade Scientist from CCMB, Hyderabad was considerate for allowing to publish his Dr. T. B. Patel Oration lecture as a lead article in the inaugural journal. Though, the focus of the journal was solely on publishing research articles since inception, all the same, to project academic activities carried out by various Departments of the Institute summaries of papers and articles published in various journals and other scientific publications, as well as account of the work presented in the clinical meetings and the journal clubs were included amongst the range of articles as one of the features in the journal. **Upto May 2003, Volume 8, it was published as “GCRI Bulletin”, thereafter, from April 2004 (Volume 9-**

10) to April 2011 (Volume 13), it was published as ‘GCS Research Bulletin’.

In the year 2012, one small step forward, was, it’s metamorphose into the 'Gujarat Cancer Society Research Journal. This, one can say was recreation of the former 13 editions which already had established the style and standard, both scientific and aesthetic. It was, and so shall be the present form, the official mouth-piece and the scientific ambassador of the Gujarat Cancer Society (GCS) and the Gujarat Cancer and Research Institute (GCRI) portraying their research and academic pursuits and efforts. One may presume, that this one small step can be a giant leap into future. The Journal of “Gujarat Cancer Society Research Journal” reached its 10th year of publishing in 2021.

What is new? (1) The frequency of publication from annually is increased to bi-annually, (2) On December 12, 2012, the “National Institute of Science Communication and Information Resources” New-Delhi, registered the **“Gujarat Cancer Society Research Journal” and assigned ISSN (International Standard Serial Number) number.** ISSN is assigned to serials published in India by the NSL being National Centre for ISSN. (2) **Introduction of Peer review Process:** “Gujarat Cancer Society Research Journal” content is peer-reviewed. A scientific journal requires constant and stringent quality control, therefore, a strict **peer review process** is necessary for maintaining quality. “Gujarat Cancer Society Research Journal” follows a double blind review process, therein the reviewer/s and authors are unaware of each other's identity. This scientific review process although strict yet friendly and benevolent, as well as pure and un-envious eyed, balanced review of need, content and presentation of the research material given for publication (3) Its **indexed** with Index Copernicus since 2013. (4) It is also indexed with NLM (National library of Medicine) catalog ie an alternative search interface to



the bibliographic records in Locator Plus in the NCBI database. (5) **Plagiarism** is considered as **serious professional/scientific/publication misconduct**. Therefore, one and all manuscript submitted to the Gujarat Cancer Society Research Journal are subjected to thorough plagiarism check with professional plagiarism detection 'iThenticate software as well as scrutiny by the editorial team before processing the manuscript.

What more? Inclusion of “About the Journal and Instruction to Authors”, Guidelines for Reviewer, Contributors Form, Organisation Information, interesting anecdotal reports under the heading “Brain Waves” and Reviewers Board.

Connecting Digital Identifier with publication: GCS Research Journal, April 2021, Volume 22 has integrated author's ORCID ID with their publication. “ORCID iDs” are permanent identifiers for researchers. It (ORCID iD) will significantly **improve discoverability** and will help increase the chances of a researcher being recognized for their work. Can be used in various scenarios like an application for grant submission or receiving funds, manuscript submission to a journal, or filling professional details on a researcher profile page.

We thank all of our authors, past editorial board members, reviewers, and staff who have made the past decade successful for this journal. We dream of quality papers that address public health needs and are written in English to an international standard. Papers that are of a high scientific and ethical standard with appropriate statistical analysis.

Please work with us to achieve our above dreams and the dream of good health of the people of our region.

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Most important is its **Accessibility**: “Gujarat Cancer Society Research Journal” archives (2012; Volume 14 onwards), and current volumes are freely available on GCRI website in Pdf format on the given link(https://www.gcriindia.org/gcs_research_journal.html). Volume 21, 2019 onwards, one will be able to access, download or print singly full details (Pdf format) of all original articles, cases reports, anecdotal reports, etc.

What is forthcoming?

1) The present day scope is to publish the work done at GCS and GCRI during a specified period of time but later on it may be expanded to include former GCRIans' work done at GCRI. It will continue to serve as an academic-research bridge between the basic sciences and the applied sciences, viz. various disciplines of medicine within and outside GCSGCRI.

2) Obtain e-ISSN: The Journal is available on institution website, therefore, next step would be to get registered e-issn number. Also, all the articles would be available online in both html and Pdf format.

3) To go in for other major indexers such as DOAJ, PMC, Medline, etc.