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Author Guidelines

Dear Author,

Many thanks at the outset for expressing interest to be associated with the Indian Journal of Health, Sexuality and Culture (IJHSC)- the very first official journal on human sexuality of India, an intellectual enterprise of Indian Institute of Sexology, Bhubaneswar (IISB), India.

Although we are Indian in the letter, we are quite a global academic enterprise in our activities, spirit and vision along with excellent academic reputation, and demonstrated the ability to engage critically with the intellectuals all over the world. We take immense pleasure and great pride in nurturing unconventional academic discourses and strive towards excellence. This author guideline will guide you and take you through the process of article submission till final publication.

Genesis of IJHSC

Scientific studies are very scarce for human sexuality although many journals focused on interdisciplinary subjects like medicine, psychology and sociology do publish articles on it. India is the land of Kamasutra, the oldest treasury of knowledge on human sexuality. But due to various reasons Indians have shy away from the research, open discussion and practice of sexual medicine. Aim of IJHSC is to promote open discussion and sharing of knowledge to the intellectuals throughout the world, in an insightful manner.

Statutory requirements- RNI, ISSN, Indexing, Impact Factor

IJHSC (ISSN: 2581-575X) is the official publication of Indian Institute of Sexology Bhubaneswar managed by a private limited company. We are in the process of getting RNI registration and print ISSN. IJHSC is listed in UGC-CARE from January 2023. It is indexed with Openaire, Publons, Cite Factor. Indexing process with others is in pipeline.

Type of articles published

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Type of article	Abstract	Word limit (excluding references, abstract, tables, title)	Number of references
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Review article	Required	Up to 4000	Up to 100
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Grech ED. *ABC of interventional cardiology*. 2nd ed. Chichester: Wiley blackwell; 2011.
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