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Policy Document-SJCMS

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Aim and Objectives:

SJCMS aims to publish cutting-edge original research in the field of computing and mathematical sciences. **The objectives of SJCMS are:**

1. To provide a platform for researchers for the dissemination of new knowledge.
2. To connect researchers on a global scale.
3. To fill the gap between the academicians and industrial researchers community.

Submission Policy:

The **SJCMS** provides an interdisciplinary platform for researchers, scientists, practitioners, and academicians for publishing their research findings to the recent technological advances and innovations in the area of Computing and Mathematics for dissemination at a global scale. Hence, regular submissions are welcome in all areas of specified domains. Please read the Submission Policy carefully before making submissions. Further details about submission may be found in Submission Guidelines.

SJCMS welcomes regular manuscripts submission (up to 20 pages including reasonably-sized figures and references) prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Journal.

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If any portion of your submission has appeared or will appear in a conference or workshop, you should inform us of this and make sure that the submission references the conference publication, and supply a copy of the conference paper to us. Also, please provide a brief description of the differences between the submitted manuscript and the preliminary paper.

Please be aware that editors and reviewers are required to check the submitted manuscript to determine whether a sufficient amount of new material has been added to consider for publication in SJCMS. One of the key requirements is that authors should only submit original work that has neither appeared elsewhere for publication, nor which is under review for another refereed publication. If authors have used their own previously published material as a basis for a new submission, they are required to cite the previous work(s) and very clearly indicate how the new submission offers substantively novel or different contributions beyond those of the previously published work(s). Any manuscript not meeting this criterion will be rejected. Copies of any previously published work affiliated with the new submission must also be included as supportive documentation upon submission.

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All submissions must represent original and novel material. We discourage submitting to more than one publication at one time. If it is determined that a paper has already appeared in anything more than conference proceedings, or appears in or will appear in a submission to any other publication before the editorial process is completed, the paper will be automatically rejected and the respective author (s) would be banned for any further submission in future.

Manuscript Preparation

Authors are required to format the manuscript according to Journal Template. [Click here](#) to download the Journal Template. The SJCMS follows the IEEE referencing style. It is mandatory to follow the IEEE guidelines for references.

Peer-Review Policy

This Journal aims to publish original research findings in the field of Computing and Mathematics. Hence, it contains **double-blind peer-reviewed** articles. Please read the [Peer-review Policy](#).

Peer-Review Policy

Sukkur IBA Journal of Computing and Mathematical Sciences strictly follows a **double-blind peer review process**, comprising the following steps:

- All papers submitted to the SJCMS are first gone through under Desk Review by an Editor. The editor may assign Associate Editors to review the quality and scope of the submitted manuscript. If the article fails to meet the journal criteria, the paper will be declined immediately and authors will be notified.
- Once the paper is submitted, the editor or Associate editors ensure that the paper follows the double-blind review policy. If the author names are found, then the author name(s) and affiliation(s) are removed from the paper and an updated version is uploaded on the system either by the editor or corresponding author.

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- If the paper satisfies the criteria, then the editor or associate editor will send the article to at least (03) reviewers for review. Each article will be reviewed by at least 01 National and 01 International (from HEC's list of technological advance countries) reviewers with a double-blind, peer review policy.
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- Each reviewer is initially invited to review the article showing them the article title and abstract only. Upon acceptance of the review request, the full paper is presented and a review form is used to record their feedback and suggestions through the online journal management system.
- The reviewers' recommendations will determine whether to "Accept Submission", "Revision Required", "Resubmit for Review" or "Decline Submission". The final decision is made by the Chief Editor based on the reviewers' report.
- Once the decision has been made, the review response - including the review form and suggestion, is sent to all authors of the article with the editorial decision. The same email is then forwarded (BCC) to all reviewers (with Blind policy) and Associate Editors corresponding to the article for ensuring transparency and high standards.
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- After final Acceptance, the Author/Corresponding author will be notified and the paper will be forwarded to technical editors for copy-editing, layout editing, and proofreading.

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Computing:

- Software Engineering
- Formal Methods
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- Computer Networks
- High-Speed Networks
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- Mobile Computing
- Wireless Multimedia Systems
- Social Networks
- Data Science
- Big data Analysis
- Contextual Social Network Analysis and Mining
- Ubiquitous Computing
- Distributed Computing
- Cloud Computing
- Intelligent devices
- Security, Privacy, and Trust in Computing and Communication
- Wearable Computing Technologies
- Soft Computing
- Genetic Algorithms
- Robotics
- Evolutionary Computing
- Machine Learning

Mathematics:

- Applied Mathematical Analysis
- Mathematical Finance
- Applied Algebra
- Stochastic Processes

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Submission Preparation Checklist

As part of the submission process, authors are required to check off their submission's compliance with all of the following items, and submissions may be returned to authors that do not adhere to these guidelines.

- The submission has not been previously published, nor submitted to another journal for consideration (or an explanation has been provided in Comments to the Editor). If an extended version of the conference proceedings paper has been submitted author must exclusively inform the editor with a covering letter. SJCMS has a policy guideline for an extended version of submission that must be taken into consideration before submitting an extended version of a conference paper.
- If the authors have used the work and/or words of others, the authors must ensure that the work and/or words of others are appropriately cited or quoted and identify all sources used in the creation of their manuscripts.
- The submission file is in Open Office, Microsoft Word, or RTF document file format.
- Where available, URLs for the references have been provided.
- The text is single-spaced; uses a 12-point font; employs italics, rather than underlining (except with URL addresses); and all illustrations, figures, and tables are placed within the text at the appropriate points, rather than at the end.
- The text adheres to the stylistic and bibliographic requirements outlined in the Author Guidelines.
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Manuscripts submitted for **Sukkur IBA Journal of Computing and Mathematical Sciences - SJCMS** are processed through the standard **double-blind peer-review process**. Considering a large number of submissions, the review process may take month(s) to complete and corresponding authors will be intimated the review progress and decision through the journal's online manuscript management system.

Currently, submissions are managed by **Sukkur IBA Journal of Computing and mathematical Sciences - SJCMS** as illustrated in the following steps:

Technical Pre-Screening: is carried out by **Sukkur IBA University Publications Cell** before forwarding to the editor to check that the manuscript is complete (i.e. title, affiliations, keywords, abstract length (single paragraph min: 150 – max: 250 words) main text (min: 4,000 – max: 8,000 words), and a reference list), English is sufficient for peer-review process, figures are complete and clear enough to read and manuscript. Submitted papers not meeting these requirements will be returned to the authors who may re-submit their paper after dealing with the issues raised.

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As per HEC policy, in case a manuscript has a similarity index of **more than 19% overall and more than 5% in the case of a single source**, it will be immediately either returned to the author for correction and resubmission or will be rejected and archived. This decision is made by the editorial team, based on the similarity ratio. (Please note that the parameters for similarity check involve, Add to No Repository, Exclude Bibliography, Exclude Quoted Text).

The Editor-in-Chief pre-screens: submissions to check that they comply with journal scope & thematic areas, match with the article classifications used by the journal, are of potential interest to readers, and have high relevance. The submission will be returned to the author for revision if it needs to be shortened to match the length expectations for the article classification type. Subsequent to pre-screening, the Editor-in-Chief assigns papers for the technical review process.

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Next, external reviewers (one national and one from an academically/technically advanced country) provide detailed comments and make their recommendation: accept, accept with minor revision, accept major revision, reject or reject with recommended re-submission.

Reviewers' comments are forwarded to the Editor-in-Chief who makes a decision and, through the **Publications Cell, Sukkur IBA University**, notify authors of the outcome of their papers, and send them copies of all reviewer comments.

Revised manuscripts submitted via the journal manuscript management system are returned to Editorial Team who, perhaps after further revision or re-review, make a final recommendation to the Editor-in-Chief.

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Since the review is an honorary job done by reviewers on their interest and availability of time, the duration of the entire peer-review process ideally ranges between 15 and 20 weeks, depending on reviewers' responsiveness and degree of revisions required. To increase the likelihood of acceptance of submissions, authors should consider three critical matters before submission: (a) target article type (b) scope of **Sukkur IBA Journal of Computing and Mathematical Sciences** (c) assessment of the relevance, and quality.

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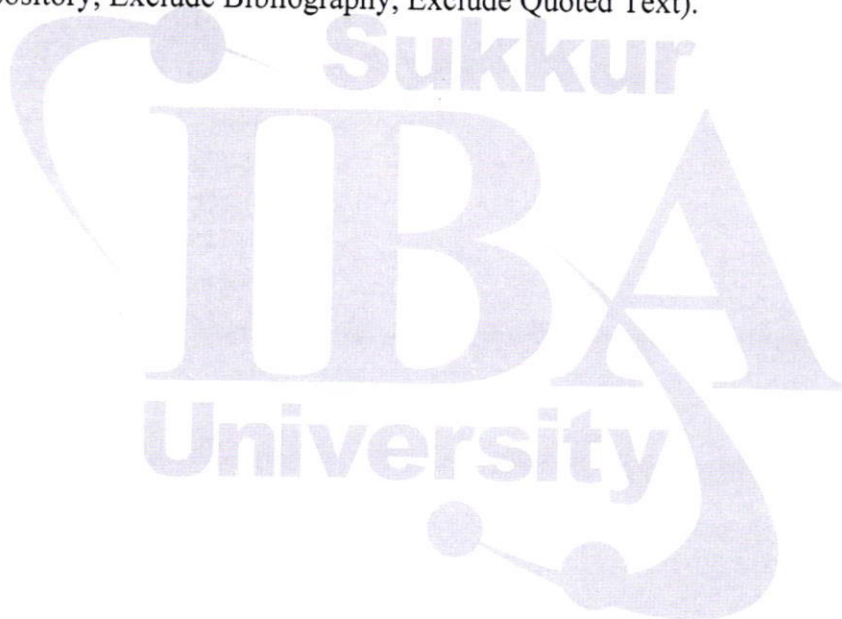
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Since **SJCMS** uses open Journal Systems that supports the **LOCKSS (Lots of Copies Keep Stuff Safe)** system to ensure a secure and permanent archive for the journal. **LOCKSS** is open-source software developed at **Stanford University** Library that enables libraries to preserve selected web journals by regularly polling registered journal websites for newly published content and archiving it. Each archive is continually validated against other library caches, and if the content is found to be corrupted or lost, the other caches or the journal is used to restore it.

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CLOCKSS

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Gather information: Who is making the complaint or raising the issue and who should then become involved?

- External editor and internal publishing contact should always coordinate.
- If complaints come into Sukkur IBA University through any source other than the publishing contact, the publishing contact should be contacted immediately.

Ultimately, who is the decision-maker regarding how to resolve and handle the complaint?

- External journal editor (or society-owner for society journal):
 - As to the merits of the claim (plagiarism, scientific procedures, the context of the dispute, prior reported research, the background of parties).
 - Possibly in conjunction with other co-editors, members of the editorial board or society, peer reviewers, experts in the field selected by the editor.
 - Possibly in conjunction with the "other journal" editor or publisher (especially for multiple publication issues).
- Sukkur IBA University may need to be involved to help document the dispute and its resolution and to provide specialist support from time to time:

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- Use the procedures outlined in this document.
- The professional judgment of publishing contact or their manager about what "best practices" are with respect to the complaint made and its resolution.
- Professional advice of one kind or another (Obtain an opinion from an external expert or Legal adviser).

When is an ethics complaint a "legal" matter that requires Sukkur IBA University legal review/support?

- The "obvious" times:
 - Formal legal complaint or brief filed in court.
 - Letter from an attorney representing an "aggrieved" party.
 - A complaint is made about the infringement of a legal right such as copyright, moral rights, or a right of privacy.
- The less obvious times:
 - Plausible (from a scientific perspective) conflicting claims from several parties which cannot be resolved by the editor through the methods and procedures outlined herein (suggesting that significant factual investigation will be required).
 - Where comment is made in a notice, expression of concern, corrigendum, or retraction that might be considered defamatory (this is automatically reviewed in the case of retractions).

Documenting the complaint/dispute

The publishing contact should always help the editor to record and document the claim. Inter alia they should:

- Prepare an incident report with all factual questions (who, what, when, where, why) dealt with.
- For plagiarism and duplicate publication issues obtain the respective texts/articles.

Due process for our authors

When the complaint is made against our author, the general rule will be that the journal editor should contact the author about whom a complaint has been made and the author is given the opportunity to respond/comment. The editor may decide based on the author's response (e.g., if the author is responsive, articulates a clear and convincing position - and may draw inferences from the opposite as well).

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Consider whether there are other bodies or agents that could or should be involved (if after some degree of investigation, there seems to be some merit in the complaint and the complaint seems one that would be more easily (and reasonably) investigated and solved by that other institution. Such institutions could include:

- For plagiarism and duplicate publication, the other publisher or journal is involved in publishing the other text.
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- For bias or unfair/inappropriate competitive acts, institutions employ the alleged wrong-doer.
- For the conflict of interest disclosure matters and violation of research standards, funding agency, or employing institutions.
- COPE (Committee on Publication Ethics) does take on some matters, often more high-profile cases when other avenues are documented as failed.
- Note that we will not necessarily be bound by a finding of an institution or agency if such finding is not deemed reasonable by the editor (or does not appear to us to be reasonable).

Responsibility to our authors

Although these procedures generally assume that it is our publication and author or co-authors who are complained about, our authors may raise a complaint with us about another publication or author:

- Usually, this should be a contact made by the journal editor to the editor of the other journal directly.
- Procedures to be followed generally mirror the procedures outlined herein.

Remedies

- In many cases, the communication of the complaint to the author and/or the authors' institution will in and of itself be considered a significant sanction.
- Other remedies (these are not exclusive) may include (in order of severity):
 - Publication of a notice, corrigendum, or erratum in a future issue (which could also take the form of an "expression of concern").
 - Formal retraction of the article (watermarking the article to indicate it has been retracted and publication of a notice as to the reason).

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- The formal removal of the article (the actual deletion from the electronic record, a remedy suggested only for material that invades a subject's privacy or could cause serious harm).
- Publication of an editorial concerning the ethical issues raised and the journal's decision concerning the issues.
- The decision by the editorial board on future submissions by the author or author group.
- All sanctions should be considered and weighed carefully by the editor-in-chief.

Caution regarding defamation claims

In carrying out any investigation, great care should be taken to act fairly and objectively and not to defame any author (or complainant) in any way, which could give rise to legal liabilities, including damages. To avoid defamation claims by authors, the following guidelines should be taken into account in the investigation:

- Any inquiries of an author's institution should be made in terms of an "alleged" or "apparent" violation. The inquiries should clearly state the facts and the allegation without premature judgment of the author's culpability.
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Term	Definition
Conceptualization	Ideas: formulation or evolution of overarching research goals and aims
Methodology	Development or design of methodology; creation of models
Software	Programming, software development; designing computer programs; implementation of the computer code and supporting algorithms; testing of existing code components
Validation	Verification, whether as a part of the activity or separate, of the overall replication/ reproducibility of results/experiments and other research outputs
Formal analysis	Application of statistical, mathematical, computational, or other formal techniques to analyze or synthesize study data
Investigation	Conducting a research and investigation process, specifically performing the experiments, or data/evidence collection
Resources	Provision of study materials, reagents, materials, patients, laboratory samples, animals, instrumentation, computing resources, or other analysis tools
Data Curation	Management activities to annotate (produce metadata), scrub data, and maintain research data (including software code, where it is necessary for interpreting the data itself) for initial use and later reuse
Writing - Original Draft	Preparation, creation, and/or presentation of the published work, specifically writing the initial draft (including substantive translation)
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