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Rejecting manuscript without external review

We read with interest the editorial “Rejecting manuscript without external review” in the October issue of the Indian Journal of Pharmacology.[1] The initial screening procedure for manuscript checking addressed in the article is informative and useful for contributors.

At present the IJP follows only three criteria for rejection of manuscript without review: [1] a) out of scope, b) poor presentation and c) lack of originality. We feel one more criterion could be added in this list. Manuscripts not submitted online through the website may be rejected.

Writing for the IJP—Guidelines for authors[2] recommends manuscript submission through website, through e-mail or by post. Further it is insisted that the final, accepted version of the manuscript should be submitted on a diskette or by e-mail only. Online submission through website is much more advantageous for the authors as well as the editorial office. It is more reliable than the disk sent by post (possibility of getting damaged) and e-mail which occasionally gets (a) lost in the cyberspace, (b) corrupted while downloading or (c) stripped off attachments due to suspected viral infection. Online submission is no doubt more cost effective too. We wonder why contributors still send their manuscripts by postal mail and email instead of using the website for online submission.

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