Suppl. 2. Survey questionnaire on harmonizing manuscript preparation and submission guidelines

Harmonizing guidelines for manuscript preparation and submission: Perspectives from dental professionals

Name:
Gender:
Research experience:
Work sector:
Total number of scientific publications:

1) Do you know that each journal has specific guidelines for manuscript preparation/submission?
Yes/No

2) Are you aware of ICMJE guidelines for manuscript preparation and submission?
Yes/No

3) If yes, do you know that many journals do not follow ICMJE guidelines for manuscript submission?
Yes/No

4) Did you experience rejection of any of your manuscript?
Yes/No

5) If yes, did you resubmit your rejected manuscript to any other journal?
Yes/No

6) If yes, did you experience difficulty in revising your manuscript according to other journal guidelines?
Yes/No

7. If yes, Indicate the level of difficulty in following while revising according to other journal guidelines?

	Easy----------Difficult				
	1	2	3	4	5
Abstract revision					
Reference citation in text					
Referencing style					
Figures/tables formatting					
Word limit					

8. Manuscript gets rejected sometimes because of formatting, styling and structure.
Strongly Disagree/Disagree/Neutral/Agree/Strongly Agree

9. There is a need for uniform guidelines for manuscript preparation/ submission.
Strongly Disagree/Disagree/Neutral/Agree/Strongly Agree

10. Harmonizing manuscript preparation/submission process will save author's time.
Strongly Disagree/Disagree/Neutral/Agree/Strongly Agree

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11. Harmonizing manuscript preparation/submission process will help in improving author's focus on scientific content?
Strongly Disagree/Disagree/Neutral/Agree/Strongly Agree

12. Creating a harmonized template would be a mile stone in streamlining the manuscript writing process?
Strongly Disagree/Disagree/Neutral/Agree/Strongly Agree

13. Submission of manuscript files initially and then apply format and styling later upon acceptance is a good initiative.
Strongly Disagree/Disagree/Neutral/Agree/Strongly Agree

14. It is necessary to have an integrated journal portal for easy submission of manuscript. (Common portal for all journals)
Strongly Disagree/Disagree/Neutral/Agree/Strongly Agree