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## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

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### **PUBLICATION CHARGES ARTICLE PROCESSING CHARGES (APCs)**

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During more than 8 years, the Editorial Board of "Journal of Medical and Surgical Research" –JMSR- opted for a status of "Diamond open access publishing" with no publication charges and published manuscripts freely and widely available to all readers via the journal's website.

Considering the absence of institutional support and because of all charges related to the Editorial process, it was decided in July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 that authors will pay a one-time APCs to cover the costs related to peer review administration and management, professional production of articles in PDF and other formats, and dissemination of published papers in various venues, in addition to other publishing functions.

**No charges will be applicable for rejected articles.**

**There are no submission charges** and no surcharges based on the length of the submitted paper or number of figures. Some items (Letter to the Editor, Corrections, Retractions, etc...) are published free of charges.

Authors or their institutions are invited to pay an Article Processing Charge (APC) after their paper has been accepted for publication. Manuscripts are held for publication until confirmation of payment of APCs. Corrections will not be accepted once the article is published.

**The Publishing Company is open to agreements with various institutions to cover APCs for their authors.** Copyediting may be required for manuscript acceptance in some cases.

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### **DISCOUNTS & WAIVERS**

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**FOR LOW INCOME COUNTRIES:** In concordance with the journal's scope, JMSR offers a discount of **30% to corresponding authors from countries with low income**. The corresponding author must have an accurate mailing address in the journal's database in order to apply the waiver or discount.

**WAIVERS SPECIAL REQUESTS:** may be accepted depending on the quality and accuracy of the submitted research articles (Case by case approach). Reasons justifying the waiver request should be detailed in a letter to the Editor-in-Chief.

**FOR REVIEWERS:** Reviewers who contributed to the journal's peer-review process during the current year of publication (At least 2 papers) may also benefit, if interested, of a 30% discount. In case the reviewer contributed to the peer review of more than 5 papers, he can benefit of 50% discount.

No waivers are accepted for case reports, clinical pictures and editorials.

**In respect to the journal transparency policies, all papers submitted prior to July 22, 2022 (Date of publication of the present announcement) will be freely published if accepted with no APCs charges.**

Publication charges will not be refunded following the retraction of an article because of author error or misconduct.

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### **APCs Details:**

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Editorials & Clinical Pictures: **170 USD; 1500 MAD** (Waivers not accepted)

Case Reports: **270 USD; 2500 MAD** (Waivers not accepted)

Research articles: **270 USD; 2500 MAD** (Waivers accepted)

Literature reviews: **270 USD; 2500 MAD.**

Feel free to contact the journal's billing support team for more details. Waivers requests will be considered independently and case by case.

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### **REMINDER SANCTIONS IN CASE OF MALPRACTICE REPORTS**

(As published in the journal's website in July 2018; this is not an update)

#### ***JMSR POLICIES IN CASE OF MALPRACTICE REPORT***

##### **1. IN CASE OF MANUSCRIPT DUPLICATION:**

- A notification is sent to the corresponding author and then all co-authors.
- A letter is sent to the Editor-in-Chief of the journal where the duplication was detected.
- A notification is sent to authors' affiliations and respective universities and institutions.
- The duplicated version of the published paper should be retracted; a notification is published with DOI assigned as both journals are CrossRef members.
- Authors are blacklisted and penalty sanctions are applied [(2000 USD) regularly updated by the Editorial board chairs].

##### **2. IN CASE OF MANUSCRIPT WITHDRAWAL:**

In respect to the efforts of the Editorial and Publishing board and considering the time spent by Reviewers and Editors in the peer-review, a manuscript may be withdrawn only after the approval of the Editor-in-Chief. A letter will address the detailed withdrawal reasons which must be well founded.

Withdrawal of a submitted paper without the authorization of the Editors and/or during the peer-review process is subject to sanctions which may include a penalty charge [(2000 USD) regularly updated by the Editorial board chairs]; future works sent by the authors will not be considered for evaluation for a period of two years.

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