

GS-JIM (GS-Journal of Integrative Medicine) – Author Guidelines

Introduction

GS Ayurveda Medical College and Hospital is pleased to introduce **GS-JIM (GS-Journal of Integrative Medicine)**, a **peer-reviewed, open-access journal** dedicated to the advancement of Ayurveda and other integrative medical sciences. Our mission is to promote high-quality research, academic discussions, and interdisciplinary collaboration in the field of Ayurveda, modern medicine, and allied health sciences.

We invite submissions for our **inaugural issue, scheduled for March 2025**, under the following categories:

- **Research Articles**
- **Review Articles**
- **Case Reports**
- **Short Notes**
- **Letters to the Editor**
- **Book Reviews**

Submission Guidelines

1. General Guidelines

- Manuscripts submitted should be **original, unpublished, and not under consideration elsewhere.**
- All authors must have **significantly contributed** to the research.
- The manuscript should be **written in English**, maintaining **clarity, coherence, and scientific accuracy.**
- Submissions must be **free from plagiarism**.
- Studies involving **human participants or animals** must include **ethical clearance** from an approved ethics committee.
- Manuscripts must follow the **Vancouver referencing style.**

2. Formatting Requirements

- Manuscripts should be prepared using **Times New Roman, 12 pt, double-spaced**, with **1-inch margins on all sides.**
- The word limit for different submission types is as follows:
 - **Research & Review Articles: Up to 3000 words** (excluding references)
 - **Case Reports & Short Notes: Up to 1500 words**
 - **Letters to the Editor: Up to 500 words**

- **Book Reviews: Up to 1000 words**
- **Figures and tables** should be **high-resolution**, labeled properly, and placed within the manuscript where they are cited.

Manuscript Structure

Each manuscript must include the following sections:

1. Title Page

- Title of the manuscript
- Full names of all authors, their academic degrees, and institutional affiliations
- Corresponding author's **email address and contact details**
- Word count (excluding references, tables, and figures)

2. Abstract

- A **structured abstract** within **250 words**. If applicable containing :
 - **Introduction** – Brief background and objectives of the study
 - **Methods** – Research methodology, study design, and analysis techniques
 - **Results** – Key findings of the study
 - **Conclusion** – Summary and significance of the research

3. Keywords

- **3-5 keywords** relevant to the study for indexing purposes.

4. Main Text

The body of the manuscript should be divided into the following sections:

a) Introduction

- Brief background of the topic with a clear statement of objectives.

b) Materials & Methods

- Description of research methodology, study design, sampling techniques, and data analysis.
- Ethical considerations and approvals must be stated.

c) Results

- Clearly presented findings using text, tables, and figures.
- Data should be statistically analyzed, if applicable.

d) Discussion

- Interpretation of the results, comparison with previous studies, limitations, and future research directions.

e) Conclusion

- A concise summary of the study's major findings and implications.

5. References

- All references should be cited in **Vancouver style** (numbered in superscript format).
- Ensure accuracy in citing books, journal articles, and online sources.

6. Tables & Figures

- Tables should be **numbered sequentially** and should not duplicate textual information.
- Figures should be **submitted in JPEG or PNG format** with a **minimum resolution of 300 dpi**.
- Legends should be provided for all figures and tables.

Peer Review Process

- All submissions will undergo a **double-blind peer review** process.
- Each manuscript will be reviewed by **subject-matter experts**.
- Authors will receive feedback and may be required to submit **revised versions** based on reviewer comments.
- The final decision regarding publication will be made by the **Editorial Board**.

Plagiarism & Ethics Policy

- The journal follows a **strict anti-plagiarism policy**.
- Manuscripts found with plagiarism will be **rejected immediately**.
- Authors must disclose **conflicts of interest** (if any) while submitting the manuscript.
- Clinical studies must comply with **ethical guidelines**, and written **informed consent** must be obtained from participants, if applicable.

Submission Process

- Authors must submit their manuscripts via **email** to **gsjim0418@gmail.com**.
- The submission must include:
 1. **Cover letter** stating the significance of the research and its originality.
 2. **Title page** with author details.
 3. **Main manuscript file** (with abstract, main text, references, tables, and figures).
 4. **Ethical clearance certificate**, if applicable.

Important Dates

- Inaugural Issue Release: April 2025

Contact Information

For any queries regarding submission, formatting, or journal policies, contact us at:

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We look forward to your valuable contributions and active participation in promoting Ayurveda and integrative medicine through **GS-JIM!**

