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Editorial

Multiple Submissions of Scientific papers; editor's dilemma

Submission of a scientific paper to several journals simultaneously (multiple submissions) is not new. All journals discourage multiple submissions due to obvious reasons. International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE) in 2008, stated that all authors should indicate clearly in the covering letter that the particular manuscript has not been published, accepted by another journal or is not under consideration elsewhere.

Multiple submissions lead to waste of time of editors and reviewers. Journals have limitations with regards to reviewers. Mostly reviewers work entirely on voluntary basis and it is not appropriate to waste their precious time. In addition, multiple submissions can lead to multiple publication of the same manuscript.

Editors of the Galle Medical Journal constantly remain vigilant about multiple submissions. There are no proven methods to detect multiple submissions. We request all authors and scientists who submit their work to GMJ to refrain from this practice.

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