



Ethiopian Journal of Indigenous knowledge and Applied Sciences (EJIKAS): Guidelines

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1. About This Journal

Aims and Scope

The aim of *Ethiopian Journal of Indigenous knowledge and Applied Sciences (EJKAS)* is to drive forward fields related to indigenous knowledge and applied sciences by providing high-quality evidence-based research publications for academics, researchers, scholars, scientists, policymakers.

EJKAS publications provide insights that advance multidisciplinary research in indigenous knowledge (localized and traditional practices), physical, chemical, biological, and mathematical sciences. The journal is a multidisciplinary open access and peer reviewed journal that is published annually in both online and print version by Debre Berhan University (DBU). It focuses on publishing authentic, original and plagiarism-free manuscripts of significant value to society and the world.

2. Organizational Structure

The organizational structure of the journal, as illustrated in Figure 1 below, comprises editorial team, national and international advisory board members, editorial board, editorial managers, an editor-in-chief, associate editors, secretary, and language editors

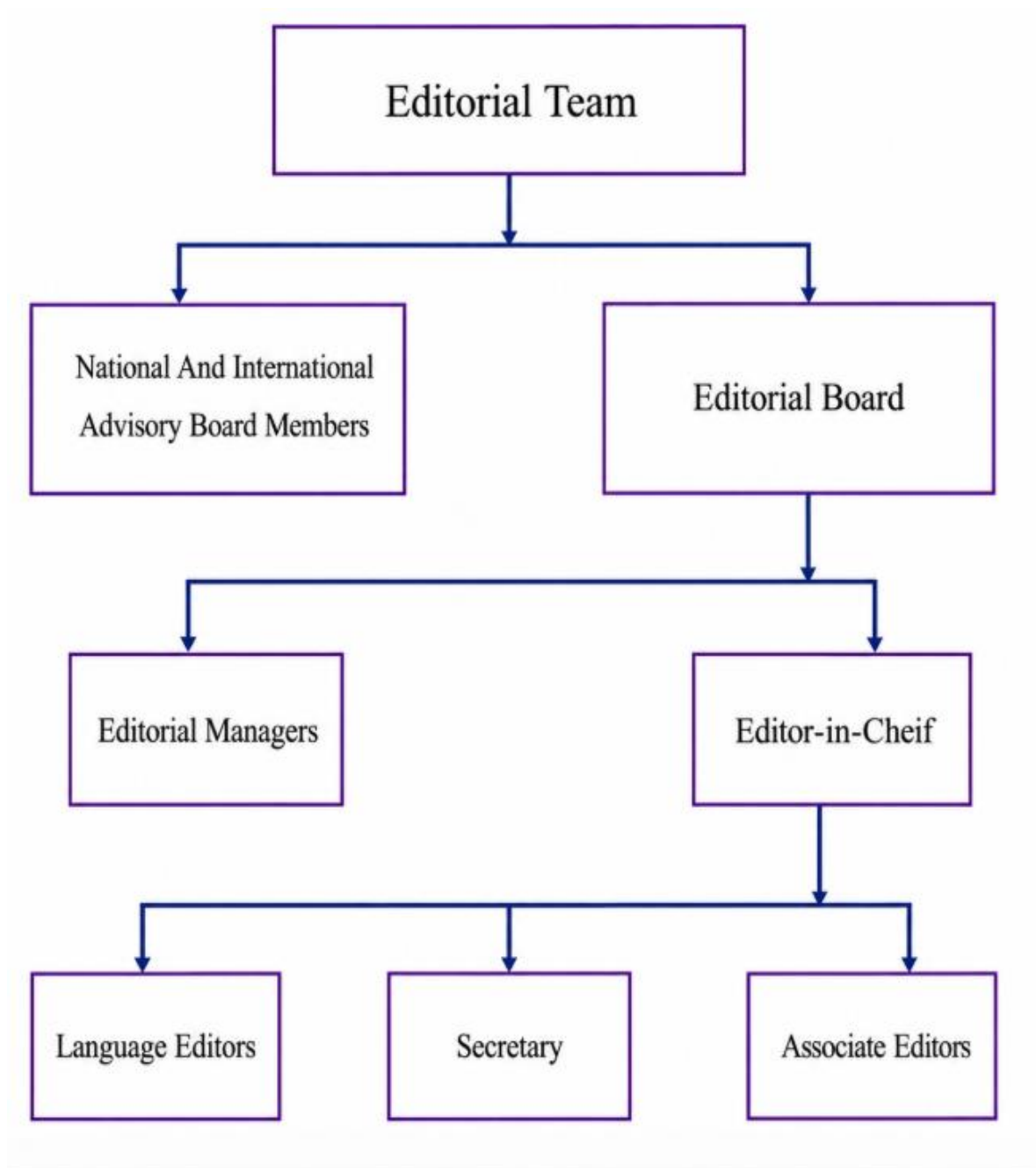


Figure 1: Organizational structure

2.1. Editoreal Team

The editorial team of *EJIKAS* is responsible for maintaining the quality, integrity, and efficiency of the journal's publication process. The team typically consists of national and international advisory bord members, editorial bord, editorial managers, an editor- in-chief,



associate editors, secretary, and language editors. Accountability, duties, and responsibilities of each entity of the the editorial team are provided below.

2.1.1 National and International Advisory Board Members

The national and international advisory board members, accountable to the editorial team, comprises distinguished and respected academics and reserachers from national and international institutions. Advisory board members are responsible for strategic direction, operational guidance, management, quality assurance, and continuous development of the journal. Advisory board memebres shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- To direct the journal’s long-term editorial policy, scope, and strategic growth plan.
- To advise the editor-in-chief on emerging research trends, contemporary issues and topics.
- To propose concepts for special issues, thematic areas, and high-impact research topics.
- To evaluate the journal’s performance, citation metrics, and indexing status against global competitors.
- To assist in pre-screening manuscripts or evaluating whether submitted manuscripts align with the journal's required publication standards.
- To uphold the highest standards of research integrity, publication ethics, and peer review quality.
- To act as an independent panel to help editors resolve author appeals, ethical dilemmas (e.g., plagiarism, data fabrication), or complex peer-review disputes.
- To provide expert peer reviews for specific manuscripts or offer second opinions in the event of editor-author conflicts of interest.
- To recommend qualified peer reviewers to join the editorial team in order to strengthen and expand the journal's reviewer database, ensuring adequate expertise, diversity, and coverage across the journal's theamatic areas.
- To act as ambassadors by promoting the journal to institutions, at international conferences, and across professional networks.



- To encourage leading scholars and researchers to submit their work to the journal to enhance the journal's prestige, and national and international visibility and credibility.

2.1.2. Editorial Board

The editorial board, accountable to the editorial team, comprises editorial managers and the editor-in-chief who responsible for determining the journal's aims, overseeing the peer-review process, ensuring the scholarly integrity and quality of published articles, and establishing overall publication policies and standards. The editorial board shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- To oversee incoming manuscripts to determine if they align with the journal's defined scope, standards, and guidelines.
- To select suitably qualified peer reviewers, and track the review timeline.
- To identify, appoint, and coordinate objective, independent peer reviewers within their specialized research fields.
- To provide final recommendations or judgments on whether to accept, reject, or request revisions for assigned manuscripts.
- To monitor the review process to maintain a fast, efficient, and transparent turnaround time for authors.
- To uphold strict publication ethics, including the proactive prevention and investigation of plagiarism, data fabrication, and redundant publications.
- To ensure the anonymity of the peer-review process and keep all details of submitted manuscripts strictly confidential.
- To promptly decline manuscript assignments or reviewer invitations if a personal, financial, or professional conflict exists.
- To provide expert feedback to the editor-in-chief regarding the journal's overall scope, focus, and long-term editorial policies.
- To propose, reviewing, and approve themes for special or dedicated issues, as well as vet potential guest editors.
- To analyze prevailing academic trends and citation standards to keep the journal competitive within its scope and aims.



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- To contribute personal research articles and encourage colleagues, institutional networks, and peers to submit high-quality papers.
- To actively raise awareness for the publication at international conferences, seminars, workshops, and academic events.
- To identify and recommend competent new board members or editors to ensure a diverse, global, and highly active editorial team.
- To treat all submitting authors with dignity, fairness, courtesy, and transparency, regardless of the ultimate fate of their manuscript.
- To operate under the directive of the editor-in-chief and regularly attending scheduled editorial board meetings.

2.1.3. Editorial Managers

Editorial managers, accountable to the editorial board, are senior publishing experts responsible for directing the journal's strategic scope and running the overall operational workflow, quality control, and administration of the publication process. The editorial managers shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- To oversee manuscript submission systems from initial receipt to final publication.
- To evaluate submitted manuscripts to ensure they fit the journal's scope and meet basic formatting guidelines.
- To find and assign qualified peer reviewers who possess the specific expertise needed to evaluate submissions.
- To track manuscripts through every stage of the peer-review system to prevent delays and meet publication deadlines.
- To track review progress and ensure reviewers adhere to the journal guideline and specified timelines.
- To check submissions for formatting consistency, citation accuracy, plagiarism (e.g., crosscheck reports), and adherence to the journal guideline.
- To implement editorial policies, tone, and scope as dictated by the editor-in-chief.
- To serve as the main point of contact for authors to provide status updates, editorial decisions, and revision requirements.



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- To send reminders to peer reviewers, manage their deadlines, and expand the journal's database of external experts.
- To collect reviewer feedback and collaborate with senior editors to finalize acceptance, revision, or rejection decisions.
- To check submissions for plagiarism, data fabrication, dual submission, and conflicts of interest using specialized software.
- To enforce publication ethics, resolve conflicts of interest, and handle appeals or complaints in compliance with publishing standards.
- To prepare accepted manuscripts for the production team by ensuring all final files, figures, and licensing forms are complete.
- To maintain and configure the electronic editorial management.
- To create and maintain publication timelines and calendars to ensure regular online and print issues are delivered on schedule.
- To assist the editor-in-chief in recruiting editorial board members and soliciting manuscripts from high-profile authors in the scope of the journal.
- To monitor journal metrics, compile annual reports, and track the ongoing progress and impact of the journal for board meetings.

2.1.4. Editor-in-Chief

The editor-in-chief, accountable to the editorial board, acts as the journal's editorial leader and chief executive. The editor-in-chief shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- To set the editorial tone, direction, and policies of the journal.
- To set and drive the journal's strategic direction to advance its prestige and standing within the national and international scientific community.
- To oversee the rigorous screening, evaluation, and fact-checking of papers to maintain high technical and academic standards.
- To hold ultimate authority over all published content of the journal.
- To determine which submitted manuscripts are accepted, revised, or rejected for publication based on peer review outcomes and the journal scope.



- To ensuring all manuscripts aligns with the journal's policy and guideline, including addressing plagiarism or data manipulation.
- To coordinate a fair, timely, and confidential peer review system while continuously expanding a qualified pool of expert reviewers.
- To suggest and appoint new associate editors, advisory board members, and technical staff in consultation with concerned bodies.
- To represent the publication at academic conferences and social functions to solicit high-quality manuscript submissions from leading scholars.
- To chair all meetings of the editorial board and review its member recommendations to maintain a strong operational team.
- To report all activities directly to the governing editorial board.

2.1.5. Language Editors

Language editors are accountable to the editor-in-chief and are primarily responsible for ensuring that all published manuscripts meet the journal's rigorous language, stylistic, and formatting standards. Language editors shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- To conduct a preliminary review of submissions to ensure they meet the journal's submission criteria and basic language requirements.
- To correct all typographical, grammatical, spelling, syntax, and punctuation errors to ensure clear and professional written communication within submitted manuscripts.
- To revise and rephrase texts for better coherence, logical flow, and academic tone while preserving the author's original voice and meaning.
- To align the manuscript's formatting, citations, and layout with the journal's official style guide.
- To verify that technical jargon, abbreviations, and specialized terms remain consistent throughout the paper.
- To ensuring that the in-text citations exactly match the bibliography or reference list.
- To refine academic English, as deemed necessary, for authors whose primary language is not English, without altering their scientific findings.



- To generate clear, constructive notes for authors when substantial revisions or clarifications are needed.
- To treat all submitted manuscripts as highly confidential documents and preventing the unauthorized sharing of work.
- To provide additional ad hoc support as required, such as reviewing data presentations, ensuring figure text accuracy, and maintain journal-specific style guides.
- To work closely with the editors manager(s) and report directly to the editor-in-chief on text quality of manuscripts.

2.1.6. Secretary

The secretary is accountable to the editor-in-chief and is primarily responsible for managing the day-to-day administrative and technical operations of the editorial office. The secretary shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- To oversee daily correspondence, route submissions, and maintain organized filing and archiving systems.
- To send papers to reviewers and track the status of assigned manuscripts, issue reminders to peer reviewers, and monitor review timelines.
- To schedule editorial board meetings, setting agendas, and keeping accurate minutes.
- To format and proofread accepted articles to ensure they adhere to the journal's specific style and author uidelines.
- To serve as a central point of contact for inquiries from authors, reviewers, and the wider academic community.
- To update online editorial tracking systems and ensure all decision letters and referee reports are accurately logged.
- To manage the preparation of publishing materials and collaborate directly with the editor-in-chief to bring each issue to completion.
- To assist the editor-in-chief enforce journal policies regarding authorship criteria, plagiarism checks, and publication ethics.



2.1.7. Associate Editors

Associate editors are accountable to the editor-in-chief and are primarily responsible for overseeing and managing the peer-review process submitted manuscripts and making publication recommendations based on their subject matter expertise. They act as subject-matter experts who evaluate manuscript quality, coordinate peer reviews, and make vital recommendations or decisions regarding the acceptance, revision, or rejection of submissions. The associate editors shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- To pre-screen new manuscript submissions to determine if they align with the journal's aims, scope, and quality standards.
- To desk-reject unsuitable or low-quality manuscripts without sending them to external reviewers.
- To select and invite appropriate, independent peer reviewers who possess the necessary subject-matter expertise.
- To invite a sufficient number of reviewers and track the status of pending peer-review requests.
- To manage the continuous peer-review workflow and ensure timely turnaround of reviewer reports.
- To evaluate incoming reviewer feedback and mediate any conflicting opinions among the referees.
- To formulate reasoned recommendations or make final determinations regarding manuscript acceptance, rejection, or requests for revision.
- To recommend a final editorial decision such as accept, reject, or request revisions to the editor-in-chief.
- To communicate constructive feedback and editorial decisions clearly and professionally to the corresponding authors.
- To advise the editor-in-chief on matters of journal policy, strategic direction, and overall scope.
- To monitor for ethical issues, such as plagiarism, duplicate publication, and undisclosed conflicts of interest.



- To solicit high-quality manuscripts for special issues from leading researchers in the field.
- To promote the journal's reputation and visibility at academic conferences, meetings, and across professional networks.
- To recommend, in consultation with the editor-in-chief, changes or enhancements to the journal's editorial policies and overall scope.
- To recruit and mentor new reviewers for the editorial board to build a robust pool of experts.

3. EJIKAS Policy

This policy outlines the rights and responsibilities of authors, editors, and peer reviewers. It also details procedures for handling research misconduct, establishing manuscript deadlines, and determining editorial honorariums, among other provisions.

3.1 Editorial and publication policy

3.1.1. Manuscript submission policy

Manuscripts submitted to the journal must be original, unpublished, and not under consideration elsewhere. Authors must disclose and provide copies of any similar or related work already published or submitted, and avoid duplicate submissions throughout the editorial process. Manuscript submission requirements included the following conditions:

- **Originality:** The work must not be previously published or under consideration elsewhere.
- **Disclosure:** A copy of any similar or related work published or submitted elsewhere must be provided upon submission.
- **Exclusivity:** Simultaneous submission to other journals is prohibited while the manuscript is under consideration.
- **Primary affiliation:** The primary affiliation for each author must be the institution where the majority of the research and work was completed.
- **Current address:** If an author has moved to a new institution since the work was completed, their current address may be stated as a footnote or additional affiliation.



- Jurisdictional neutrality: **EJKAS** maintains strict neutrality regarding jurisdictional and territorial claims in published maps and institutional affiliations.
- Manuscript guidelines for personal communications: If the manuscript includes personal communications, authors must follow these requirements:
 - Permission is mandatory: Authors must obtain explicit permission from any individual they plan to quote or refer to.
 - Written documentation: The permission must be provided in a written statement.
 - Acceptable formats: Digital approvals, such as a confirmation email, are fully acceptable.

3.1.2. Post-Acceptance Manuscript Rejection Policy

The journal reserves the right to reject a paper even after it has been accepted if it becomes apparent that there are serious problems with its scientific content, or if our publishing policies have been violated.

3.2 Authorship guidelines

Authors submitting to EJKAS must strictly adhere to the following guidelines:

- Authorship consent and responsibility: Submission of a manuscript implies that all named authors have approved the publication, consent to the submission, and fully understand their responsibilities as co-authors.
- Editorial correspondence: The editorial board will send automatic notifications regarding manuscript receipt and acceptance to all authors. However, all substantive, ongoing communication shall be conducted exclusively with the corresponding author.
- Manuscript formatting: Authors must organize their manuscripts according to the official EJKAS Author Guidelines.



- **Editorial and language standards:** All submissions must be written in high-quality academic English. Authors must pay strict attention to punctuation, typography, and formatting to ensure a professional presentation.
- **Citation and referencing:** Manuscripts must consistently follow the journal's designated style for in-text citations and the reference list.

3.3. Types of Manuscripts for Submission

EJKAS accepts three types of manuscripts: Original research articles, review articles, and short communication papers. Submissions must feature original, multidisciplinary findings within indigenous knowledge and applied sciences, and must adhere strictly to the journal's guidelines regarding length, formatting, and language.

3.3.1. Original research manuscript submission key requirements

- **Scope:** Must report original or innovative findings in indigenous knowledge, applied sciences, technology, or other journal-aligned fields.
- **Format:** Must be submitted as a full-length article.
- **Length:** Maximize at 35 pages.
- **Spacing:** Single-spaced (line 1 spaced).
- **Abstract:** Maximum of 250 words

3.3.2. Review articles submission key requirements

Review articles comprehensively survey existing literature on a specific topic and provide critical analysis rather than just presenting new experimental results. They can take the form of a mini-review (up to 50 pages) or a long review (up to 100 pages, both 1-spaced). Key requirements for review articles include:

- **Critical evaluation:** Assesses the works cited rather than merely providing a descriptive summary of past research.



- **Synthesis:** Synthesizes and explain commonalities, differences, and conflicts within the cited literature.
- **Summary section:** Begins with a section outlining the core purpose, data, and findings.
- **Introduction section:** States the main topic, its significance, and why the review is necessary.
- **Body section:** Presents research findings in a logical narrative, divided by relevant sub-headings.
- **Conclusion section:** Clearly outlines the limitations of the existing literature and suggest directions for future research.

3. 3. 3. Short communication papers

These include brief scientific notes such as preliminary results, scientific observations, experimental techniques, recent scientific and technological advances and social development. Information on the indigenous knowledge (such as ecological and cultural practices including herbal medicine) shall also be considered. The key submission requirements for a short communication paper are outlined below:

- **Scope:** Includes brief scientific notes, preliminary results, scientific observations, experimental techniques, recent scientific/technological advances, social developments, and indigenous knowledge of ecological and cultural practices.
- **Word count:** Maximum of 3,000 words
- **Required sections:** Summary, main body, and references
- **Summary/Abstract:** Maximum of 100 words.
- **Manuscript structure:** Must not be subdivided into separate sections (e.g., no distinct "Introduction", "Methods", or "Results" subheadings)
- **Visual limits:** No more than 6 figures or tables (combined total) are allowed.



3.4. Manuscript preparation and submission

Authors must submit all manuscripts online through the submission portal or via email at ejikas2023@gmail.com. Manuscripts must be double-columned, using 11-point Times New Roman font with single spacing and minimum 2.54 cm margins on all sides. Authors must adhere to the following instructions when submitting their manuscript:

- **Language:** Papers are accepted in English and Amharic. English manuscripts must use either American or British English consistently throughout the writing.
- **Manuscript Order:** Manuscripts should be compiled in the following order: (1) title page, (2) abstract and keywords, (3) introduction, (4) materials and methods, (5) results and discussion, (6) conclusion, (7) acknowledgments, and (8) references.
- **Title Page:** This page must include the authors' full names, affiliations, and email address. Identify exactly one corresponding author using an asterisk (*).
- **Abstract:** The abstract must include the rationale, objectives/purpose, methods, results, conclusions, and implications. It must not exceed 250 words.
- **Keywords:** Provide four to six words or phrases, separated by commas.
- **Formatting and typography:**
 - **File Formats:** Submissions are accepted in Microsoft Word or LaTeX formats.
 - **Length:** Research articles must not exceed 35 A4 pages (including the cover page, figures, and tables).
 - The journal title and manuscript title must be centered, bold, and in 14-point font.



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- Main text headings must be bold.
- Section headings must be concise and numbered sequentially using a decimal system for subsections (e.g., 1.1, 1.1.1).
- Page length and layout: Research articles must not exceed 35 A4 pages in length, including the cover page, figures, and tables. The text must be single-spaced, double-sided, and set in 11-point font.
- **Structural and section numbering rules:**
 - Divide the article into clearly defined and numbered sections using a hierarchical decimal system.
 - Primary sections must use whole numbers (e.g., 1., 2.)
 - Subsections must follow a sequential decimal format (e.g., 1.1., 1.2.).
 - Sub-subsections must extend the decimal sequence further (e.g., 1.1.1., 1.1.2.).
 - The Abstract is strictly excluded from this section numbering system.
- **Figures and tables:**
 - Number all figures and tables sequentially in the exact order they appear in the text (e.g., Figure 1, Figure 2, Table 1, Table 2).
 - Label individual parts of multi-part figures or tables using lowercase letters in parentheses (e.g., Figure 1(a), Figure 1(b)).
 - Embed all figures and tables directly within the body text, positioned close to their first mention.
 - Cite every figure and table explicitly within the narrative text before its physical placement.
- **Citations and references:**
 - Use a numbered referencing style for all in-text citations.
 - Maintain complete cross-referencing alignment: every source cited in the text must appear in the reference list, and every source in the reference list must be cited in the text.



- Abbreviate this journal title formally in citations as: *Eth. J. Indig. Know. Appl. Sci.*
 - **Header, footer, and page layout:**
 - Place the journal abbreviation (*Eth. J. Indig. Know. Appl. Sci.*), the volume number, and the page range in the top-right corner of the header, positioned immediately after the Debre Berhan University logo.
 - Format this top-right header text using an 8-point font size.
 - Place the page number and the journal issue number in the bottom-right corner of the footer on every page.
 - Place the corresponding author's contact information and footnotes exclusively at the bottom of the first page.
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3.5. Manuscript submission package

A manuscript submission package typically consists of administrative documents, the main text file, and separate high-resolution media files. A manuscript submission requires the following essential components:

3.5.1. Administrative and transparency files

- **Cover Letter:** It is a letter signed by the corresponding author declaring that the manuscript has not been published or submitted for publication elsewhere should accompany with its submission.
- **Declaration Statements:** Standard forms for disclosure of competing interests, funding sources, and ethical committee approvals.

3.5.2. Main manuscript document



- **Title Page:** It includes the title of the paper, name(s) of the author(s), full addresses and institutional affiliation of author(s), and the corresponding author contact address. The title of the manuscript should be concise (maximum of 10 words in 14 font size), specific and descriptive enough to contain keywords or phrases indicating the contents of the manuscript. Avoid the use of abbreviations and formulae in the title.
- **Abstract:** The abstract should include the problem being addressed, objective, methods (design), results, and conclusions/implication that is not exceeding 250 words. The use of abbreviations at the beginning and citation of references should be avoided in the abstract.
- **Keywords:** A list of 3–6 indexable terms to enhance the online discoverability of the paper.
- **Introduction:** It should provide background /relevant information/ on what and why the study was undertaken, justification leading to a statement about the problem investigated or underlying the hypothesis for conducting the study, and the major objectives of the research. It should also provide a comprehensive and recent review of literature, essential to understand the study.
- **Materials and Methods:** This section should present details about the research design and procedures to clearly prove that the research was done following systematic and rigorous scientific approach. It should provide a brief description of materials used in the study. It should also include the data sources, sampling techniques and sample size, methods of data collection and analysis.
- **Results and discussion:** This section must include the major findings with interpretations presented in a logical order. It should include relevant figures, tables, and supplementary information which accurately describe the findings of the study. It should discuss findings in relation to research objectives and existing literature, and address the research limitations and future implications.
- **Conclusion:** This section should briefly present the conclusions which emanate from the results of the study. It should briefly describe the contributions of the work to practices and/or existing body of literature and its policy or other possible implications. Recommendations are not mandatory for all fields, and hence a separate treatment could



be optional. Yet a critical assessment of the limitation of the study is worth mentioning here indicating possible directions for further research.

- **Acknowledgments:** It should be given immediately following the the conclusion section, and followed by the reference section. Authors must acknowledge all sources of materials used, and individuals or institutions support the study.
- **Referencing style:** EJIKAS uses the BioMed Central (BMC) referencing style, which follows a numbered Vancouver-style format. In this format, sources are cited sequentially in the text using numbers, which correspond to a full, numerically ordered reference list at the end of the manuscript. Within the body of the paper, sources are designated by consecutive numbers in superscript or parentheses (e.g., [1, 1, 2]) based entirely on the order in which they first appear. At the end of the manuscript, all cited works must be compiled into a numbered reference list that contains the full bibliographic details of every source. Sample citation is provided below.

Sample Formatting and Guidelines

Journal Article

- **One or More Authors:**
Ackroff K, Sclafani A: Rats' preferences for high fructose corn syrup vs. sucrose and sugar mixtures. *Physiol Behav* 2011, 102:548-552.
- **More Than Two Authors:**
Smith AB, Jones CD, Peterson EF: The impact of dietary fibers on gut microbiota profile. *J Biomed Sci* 2023, 15(3):112-120.

Book

1. Standard Authored Book

Angelou M. I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings. 1st edition. New York: Random House; 1969.

2. Book with Multiple Authors (up to 10 authors are listed)

Murray PR, Rosenthal KS, Pfaller MA. Medical Microbiology. 8th edition. Philadelphia: Elsevier; 2016.

3. Edited Book / Chapter within a Book



Brown H. Chapter Title. In: Smith J, editor. Book Title. 2nd edition. London: Academic Press; 2002. p. 115-128.

Book Chapter

1: Standard Book Chapter

Wyllie AH, Kerr JFR, Currie AR: Cell death: the significance of apoptosis. In: Bourne GH, Danielli JF, Jeon KW, editor(s). *International review of cytology*. London: Academic; 1980:251-306

2: Chapter with Multiple Editors and Edition

Smith JD: Molecular genetics of the cell. In: Doe JR, Public EJ, editor(s). *Biomedical Research Advances*. 3rd edition. New York: Springer; 2026:45-72.

Dissertation

Ph.D. Dissertation:

Smith J: The molecular mechanisms of cellular apoptosis in neurological disorders. PhD thesis. University of Cambridge; 2023.

Master's Thesis:

Kebede A: Impact of climate variability on agricultural yields in the Amhara region. MSc thesis. Addis Ababa University; 2025.

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Style name	Brief description
Title of the journal	14pts, bold
Title of the manuscript	14 pts, bold
Authors Name	11pts
Authors affiliations	11pts



Abstract	11pts
Key words	11pts
Body text	11pts
Figure caption	11pts
Table caption	11pts

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Changes to Authorship

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- A clear explanation of why the name should be added, removed, or rearranged.
- Written confirmation from all authors stating they agree with the addition, removal, or rearrangement. For additions or removals, this must include confirmation from the specific author being added or removed.

Requests sent by anyone other than the corresponding author will be forwarded by the editor-in-chief to the corresponding author, who must then follow the procedure described above. Publication of the manuscript will be suspended until authorship is officially resolved and agreed upon.

Compliance with Ethical Standards



To ensure research objectivity, transparency, and adherence to ethical conduct principles, authors must disclose all sources of funding and any potential financial or non-financial conflicts of interest. Additionally, authors must include statements confirming informed consent if the research involved human participants, and animal welfare compliance if the study involved animals.

When submitting a paper, authors must include a separate section titled “compliance with ethical standards” directly before the references. If applicable, this section must contain:

- Conflict of interest: Disclose all potential competing financial or personal relationships.
- Ethics approval: Confirm compliance if research involved human participants or animals.
- Informed consent: State that all human subjects provided explicit consent.

Manuscript Peer Review Process

The editor-in-chief acknowledges receipt of all submitted manuscripts. Initial assessments are conducted by the editor-in-chief and associate editors to determine suitability for the journal. This evaluation focuses on overall soundness, adherence to EJKAS guidelines, alignment with the journal's aim and scope, and verification against plagiarism or duplicate publication.

The editor-in-chief reserves the right to reject any manuscript—including issuing a desk rejection—particularly if it fails to follow submission guidelines. The editor-in-chief may also suggest modifications before forwarding the manuscript to associate editors and external reviewers. If a manuscript is rejected prior to peer review, the editor-in-chief will provide a written explanation to the authors clarifying why the submission was deemed unsuitable for further evaluation.



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Submitted manuscripts deemed suitable are sent to two independent external reviewers with expertise in the manuscript's subject matter. The reviewers' evaluations and recommendations are then communicated to the authors.

Once the authors complete the recommended revisions, the editor-in-chief forwards the revised manuscript to the associate editors and external reviewers to verify that all feedback has been appropriately addressed. The final publication decision is based on the consensus of the editors and reviewers. If both reviewers recommend acceptance, the manuscript is accepted directly. If only one reviewer recommends acceptance, the manuscript is sent to a third reviewer for an additional assessment. Finally, the editorial board reserves the right to edit all accepted manuscripts for clarity, style, and formatting.

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