

Undertaking by Authors

We, the undersigned, give an undertaking to the following effect with regard to our article entitled "

submitted for publication in the **Indian Journal of Medical Research** :-

1. The article mentioned above has not been published or submitted to or accepted for publication in any form, in any other journal.

2. We also vouchsafe that the authorship of this article will *not* be contested by anyone whose name(s) is/are not listed by us here.

3. I/We declare that I/We contributed significantly towards the research study *i.e.*, (a) conception, design and/or analysis and interpretation of data and to (b) drafting the article or revising it critically for important intellectual content and on (c) final approval of the version to be published.

4. I/We hereby acknowledge IJMRS **conflict of interest** policy requirement to scrupulously avoid direct and indirect conflicts of interest and, accordingly, hereby agree to promptly inform the editor or editor's designee of any business, commercial, or other proprietary support, relationships, or interests that I/We may have which relate directly or indirectly to the subject of the work.

5. I/We also agree to the authorship of the article in the following sequence:-

Authors' Names (in sequence)	Signature of Authors
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____
6. _____	_____
7. _____	_____
8. _____	_____
9. _____	_____
10. _____	_____
11. _____	_____
12. _____	_____

Important

(i). All the authors are required to sign **independently** in this form in the **sequence** given above. In case an author has left the institution/country and whose whereabouts are not known, the senior author may sign on his/her behalf taking the responsibility.

(ii). **No addition/deletion/** or any **change** in the sequence of the authorship will be permissible at a later stage, **without** valid reasons and permission of the **Editor**.

(iii). **If the authorship is contested at any stage, the article will be either returned or will not be processed for publication till the issue is solved.**