

Call for Papers

International Journal of Substance Abuse Research and Policy (IJSARP)

The National Dangerous Drugs Control Board (NDDCB), Sri Lanka, invites researchers, scholars, policymakers, and professionals to submit original manuscripts for the first volume of the International Journal of Substance Abuse Research and Policy (IJSARP).

This international peer-reviewed journal aims to provide a platform for the dissemination of high-quality research, evidence-based policy analysis, and scholarly discussions related to substance abuse and drug control.

Author Guidelines for the International Journal of Substance Abuse Research and Policy

1. Introduction

The National Dangerous Drugs Control Board (NDDCB) is the pioneer and statutorily responsible state body for the prevention and control of drug abuse in Sri Lanka. The Board coordinates national efforts in prevention, treatment, rehabilitation, research, and outreach activities aimed at reducing the harm caused by dangerous drugs and working towards their eventual eradication.

The vision of the Board is to lead Sri Lanka to become a pioneer in managing the outcomes and impact of drug-related issues in South Asia. One of the major functions of the NDDCB is the dissemination of knowledge and evidence-based information to national and international agencies, as well as to the general public, to enhance awareness of the harmful effects and adverse consequences of drug abuse.

The International Journal of Substance Abuse Research and Policy is established to facilitate an active exchange of scientific knowledge among national and international researchers, scholars, and professionals. The journal seeks to publish high-quality scholarly work and maintain high academic standards while promoting the dissemination of knowledge within the global research community.

2. Aim and Scope

The journal aims to:

- Promote high-quality academic and scientific research on substance abuse and drug-related issues.
- Provide an international platform for researchers and professionals to disseminate new knowledge and innovations.
- Encourage collaboration and knowledge exchange among scholars, policymakers, and practitioners across countries.

- Support evidence-based policymaking and research-based discussions in the field of drug prevention, treatment, and control.

3. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Drug abuse and addiction research
- Drug prevention strategies and interventions
- Treatment, rehabilitation, and recovery models
- Drug policy and legislative frameworks
- Law enforcement and drug control strategies
- Public health approaches to substance abuse
- Community-based prevention and treatment programs
- Socioeconomic impacts of drug abuse
- Innovative approaches for drug demand and supply reduction

4. Types of Manuscripts

The journal accepts the following categories of manuscripts:

I. Research Articles

Original empirical research presenting new findings related to substance use, drug prevention, treatment, rehabilitation, and policy.

II. Policy Analysis

Analytical discussions on drug policies, legal frameworks, governance approaches, and their implications.

5. Manuscript Structure

All manuscripts should follow the structure below:

- Title
- Author Name(s) and Institutional Affiliation(s)
- Corresponding Author Information
- Abstract (150–250 words)
- Keywords (4–6 keywords)
- Introduction
- Literature Review

- Methodology
- Results / Findings
- Discussion
- Conclusion and Recommendations
- Acknowledgements (if applicable)
- References

6. Manuscript Length

- Research Articles: 4,000 – 7,000 words
- Policy Analyses: 3,000 – 5,000 words

7. Formatting Requirements

Manuscripts must follow the formatting requirements below:

- Language: English
- Font: Times New Roman
- Font Size: 12
- Line Spacing: 1.5
- Margins: 1 inch (2.54 cm) on all sides
- Page Numbers: Bottom right corner
- Tables and figures must be clearly numbered and titled with appropriate source citations where applicable.

8. Citation and Referencing

Authors must use a recognized citation style: APA (7th Edition)

All references cited in the text must appear in the reference list and be arranged alphabetically.

9. Ethical Considerations

Authors must adhere to the following ethical standards:

- Manuscripts must represent original work and must not be previously published or under consideration elsewhere.
- Proper acknowledgement of sources must be provided to avoid plagiarism.
- Studies involving human participants must comply with ethical research standards and obtain necessary ethical approvals where applicable.
- Confidentiality and anonymity of participants must be maintained.
- All listed authors must have made a significant contribution to the research.

10. Peer Review Process

All manuscripts submitted to the journal will undergo a double-blind peer review process. Independent reviewers will evaluate manuscripts based on academic quality, originality, methodological rigor, and relevance to the scope of the journal.

Authors may be requested to revise their manuscripts in accordance with reviewers' comments prior to final acceptance.

11. Submission Procedure

Manuscripts should be submitted electronically via email. nddcbintj@gmail.com

Accepted file format: Microsoft Word (.doc / .docx)

Submissions must include:

- Full name(s) of the author(s)
- Institutional affiliation(s)
- Email address(es)
- Contact details of the corresponding author

12. Copyright and Publication Policy

Upon acceptance and publication, the copyright of the article will be held by the journal. Authors may reuse their work for academic purposes with proper citation to the original publication.

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