

## Policy on Intellectual Property

### Copyright and Publishing License:

1. **Creative Commons License:** All articles published in the journal are made available under the Creative Commons Attribution License (CC BY) version 4.0. This license allows users to distribute, remix, adapt, and build upon the material for any purpose, even commercially, as long as appropriate credit is given to the original author(s) and the source is properly cited.
2. **Author Retention of Rights:** Authors retain the copyright to their work and grant the journal the right to publish their article under the terms of the CC BY 4.0 license.

### Publication Costs:

- **Article Processing Charges (APCs):** For Indian residents, the APC is Rs. 1000/-, and for authors located outside India it is USD 100. These charges cover the costs associated with the editorial process, peer review, publication, and archiving of articles. All articles are freely accessible to readers without any additional access fees.

## IJONC Preprint and Final Print Policy

**Preprint Policy:** IJONC recognizes the importance of preprints in the dissemination of scientific research and welcomes the submission of manuscripts that have been previously shared as preprints, conference proceedings, institutional repositories or other public platforms. However, certain conditions apply:

- **Consideration for Publication:** Manuscripts submitted to IJONC will be considered for publication even if they have been previously posted as preprints. Authors may be asked to disclose any preprint versions of their manuscript at the time of submission.
- **Journal Inquiry:** IJONC reserves the right to inquire about the details of any preprint version of the submitted manuscript. Authors should be prepared to provide information regarding the preprint, including the preprint repository and DOI, if applicable.
- **Exclusive Submission:** The preprint or a substantially similar article should not have been published by another journal, undergone peer review, copy-edited or become part of the scholarly record of another journal. IJONC requires that the work is original and not under consideration elsewhere.

**Final Print Policy:** The final print, also known as the "version of record," is the version of the research paper that has completed the peer review process and has been formally published in IJONC.

### Plagiarism and Redundant/Overlapping Publication:

1. **Plagiarism:** Plagiarism, including the verbatim or near-verbatim copying of substantial portions of another's work without proper attribution, is strictly prohibited. Authors must ensure that their submissions are original and properly cite and attribute the work of others.
2. **Redundant/Overlapping Publication:** Submitting the same manuscript, or a substantially similar manuscript, to multiple journals simultaneously is considered redundant publication and is unethical. Authors must disclose any previous or concurrent submissions of the same work to other journals.

**Policy Review:** This Intellectual Property Policy will be periodically reviewed and updated to ensure alignment with evolving standards and best practices in intellectual property rights and scholarly publishing