

Inquiry Report on Quality of the Contents Published by the Journal 'Advancements in Life Sciences' in 2021

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1 Preamble

This inquiry report is a result of an internal examination of the content published by the journal in the year 2021. This examination was warranted in the extra-ordinary editorial board meeting held on 02 April 2025 consequent to the change in status of the journal in Web of Science (WoS) index to 'on-hold' on account of quality concerns raised by the editorial team of WoS.

This is the final report of the ongoing internal examination marking completion of inquiry into content published by the journal in five years (2021-25). For readers to know more about the process of inquiry, terms of reference, and inquiry team members with their respective roles, please see the report on the first cohort of content already available [at this link](#). This said content is being omitted from this report to avoid redundancy.

Furthermore, since the report on the first cohort (2024/25) provided detailed insights into both areas of good quality and aspects requiring improvement, this report will only highlight anomalies in the third cohort of content (2021). This is deliberately opted by the inquiry team keeping its key mandate in sight i.e., highlighting areas of concern regarding quality.

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2 Summary of Findings

1. A total of fifty-two (52) articles published by the journal in 2021 were evaluated by the record and scientific evaluation team members. These articles were from volume 08.
2. Use of English language have been found problematic in at least three (3) articles.
3. There are at least four (4) articles having errors in metadata section.
4. In line with the Web of Science "Exceptions to standard embargo and removal from coverage policies" need for editorial expression of concern has been identified for 7 published articles on account of different errors. The details are as follows in table 1.

Sr No.	Type of Errors Found After Publishing / Other Discrepancies	Occasions	Corrective Measures Advised
1.	Errors in metadata	4	Expression of concern is recommended. Minor corrections to be applied by the editorial team.
2.	Minor (language)	3	Expression of concern is recommended. Minor corrections to be applied by the editorial team in consultation with the authors.

Table 1: Breakup of post-publication errors in the examined papers and respective corrective measures advised.

5. Trend concerning number of publications per issue remained within regular range. Number of papers published per issue in year 2021 are given in following table 2.

Volume (issue)	Number of Articles Published
Volume 8 issue 4 (2021)	17
Volume 8 issue 3 (2021)	15
Volume 8 issue 2 (2021)	20

Table 2: Number of articles published by the journal in each issue in 2021.

3 Manuscript Level Details of the Inquiry

Following fifteen (15) quality / data indicators of each of the published manuscript, consistent with purview of this inquiry, were examined. These indicators pertain to integrity of record, their public standing, integrity/standards of quality and recommendations for corrective measures.

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| 1. Manuscript ID | 9. Country of the Corresponding Author |
| 2. Manuscript Title | 10. Published (in) |
| 3. Manuscript Type | 11. APCs Charged |
| 4. Scope Compliance | 12. Citations Received till Date |
| 5. Turnitin Similarity Index (in percentage) | 13. Type of Errors Found After Publishing |
| 6. AI Generated / Paraphrased Content | 14. Misconduct Found if any |
| 7. No. of Peer Reviewers / Reports | 15. Corrective Measures to be Taken |
| 8. Processing Time (Months) | |

Manuscript-level analyses sheet is available at the following link.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1DX_8Vyl9q7Yjy_aV1zC-7QGat4oFC2hs

4 Recommendation(s) by the Inquiry Team


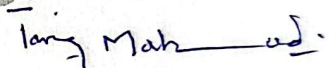
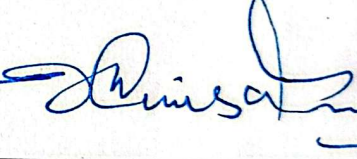
The following recommendations based on findings of this cohort may please be followed.

1. Apply corrective measures as advised in section 2.

5 Way Forward

The board is requested to present compliance report on all recommendation(s) (section 4) in one (1) week after issuance of this report.

6 Validation by the Inquiry Team

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