

## Style Guide & Guide for Reviewers

### *Health Care for Women International*

#### Aims of the Editors:

- Stimulate an international, multidisciplinary dialogue on women's health issues.
- Publish new research on health that concerns women around the world.
- Consider topics including cultural differences, lifestyles, wife abuse, aging, socio-psychological challenges, childrearing and childbearing, ethical issues, as well as health care diagnoses, regimens, and interventions.
- All manuscripts must make a theoretical, methodological, or practice contribution to the literature on women's health issues in addition to providing new substantive information

#### Audience Consideration

##### *Challenges:*

- English is not everyone's native language. Is the spelling and grammar sufficient? Does the author need to employ a professional editor? Has the author used culturally universal terms and avoided idioms?
- Has the author explained theoretical assumptions, a unique methodology, or scope of practice so readers will understand this work? Are the methods, implications, suggestions for research, explained so that someone from outside the author's field would understand the work? Has the author explained epistemological assumptions, that is, how conclusions were reached in this article?
- Interdisciplinary audience consists of researchers, scholars, practitioners, health care professionals, and students in women's studies, social work, sociology, anthropology, psychology, public health, health education, business, and history.
- Has author explained why work should appeal to an international audience?

#### Follow the Style & Format "Norms" of HCWI

##### *Stylistic Guidelines*

In general, have the guidelines published in the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (6<sup>th</sup> edition)* been followed?

##### *Anthropomorphism*

It is against editorial policy to impart human qualities to other than humans. Examples of anthropomorphism are "This paper states..." or "The literature reveals..." and can be corrected by saying "Authors state..." and "Researchers reveal..." Have the authors avoided this?

##### *First Person*

In accordance with APA guidelines HCWI requires work to be written in first person. Is the work written in first person?

##### *Introductory Paragraph*

Has the author written an introductory paragraph in which he/she tells us what the work is about? (What they did and why they did it?) The relevance of the work to our international interdisciplinary audience must also be clear in this paragraph.

##### *"Subject"*

Have the authors referred to the people with whom they worked and studied something other than "subjects?" A subject is a thing, sub-human, and unworthy of respect--like a rat in a maze. Calling a woman a subject is degrading and anti-feminist.

##### *Page Length*

Is the page length appropriate for this manuscript based on methodology, research design, etc? Could it be shortened? A typical manuscript in our journal should be no more than 25 pages.

##### *Literature Review Policy*

A paper that is a literature review must meet one of the following conditions to be published:

- Contains new substantive information not published elsewhere

- Provides a theoretical contribution
- Provides a methodological contribution

If you have questions about this guide for reviewers, , you may call, Fax, Email or write the Editor

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