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The Importance of Non-research Articles in Scientific Publications of Health

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ABSTRACT

Nowadays scientific publications online through electronic journals are becoming increasingly widespread. Many recent findings have been published through this system so that they can be deployed quickly, so that they can be used immediately by those who need them. Most of the articles that have been published in the form of research articles. This type of article is a summary of research reports conducted by researchers with the intention of getting spread widely so that it can be a reference for other researchers in their research activities, or applicable directly to those who need it. On the other hand, there are also types of non-research articles that are not less useful value such as opinion articles and correspondence. The opinion articles contain opinions about certain phenomena that can lead to ideas for further study, whereas correspondence articles contain responses to published articles.

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NON-RESEARCH ARTICLES IN SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS OF HEALTH

In today's information age, information and communication technology tools are utilized in all aspects of life, as well as in the publication of scientific works in the field of health. In the past, the majority of scientific journals were published in print, but today almost all scientific journals have published online, commonly known as electronic journals (e-journals). Thanks to the existence of electronic journals, many of the latest findings that can be published very quickly, so that can be immediately utilized by the parties in need. Most articles published in electronic journals are research articles. This type of article is a summary of research activity reports written by researchers both individually and in groups. With unlimited online publications by time and location, it is hoped that these findings can be widely disseminated in a very fast time, so they can be used as a reference for other researchers in their research activities, or can be directly used for those who need them.

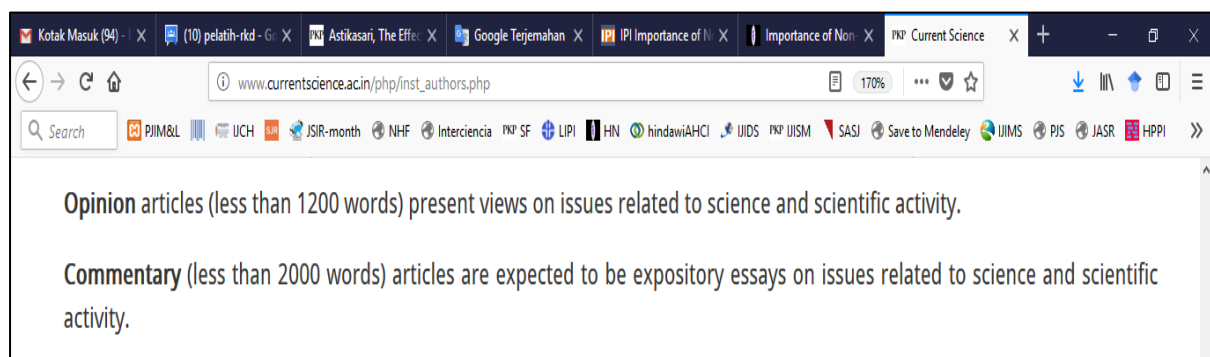


Figure 1. Screen shoot about criteria of opinion and commentary article from "Current Science"
(Source: "Current Science" - http://www.currentscience.ac.in/php/inst_authors.php)

On the other hand, there are also non-research articles that also contain very high value of usefulness, such as opinion articles and correspondence. The opinion article contains the author's opinion about the particular phenomenon he finds in the field. The content of this type of article is dominated by ideas that come from the author himself. Meanwhile, the commentary article contains an author's comment on a particular problem. Indeed, not many journals accept non-research articles, but that does not mean there is no opportunity for writers to publish their ideas in the form of opinions and commentaries in scientific journals. The following is an example of the criteria for the opinion article and commentary article issued by one of reputable journals (Figure 1).

In the field of health a lot of phenomena that are important to be responded to both in the physical, biological, social, even spiritual. This is a great opportunity for health scientists to disseminate their ideas in the form of non-research articles. The advantage of writing this type of article is that it can be made in a short time as it does not require a field study process. This is very important because the published ideas can be adopted by the authors and can then be developed into research activities. Writing non-research articles such as opinion and commentary is also very useful to increase the volume of publications of scientific articles in the field of health, so that the publication trend of health can be increased significantly.

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