

## Editorial Foreword

### *What is a good quality research manuscript or paper?*

We have to consider number of things that contribute to the quality of a research manuscript. A research paper or manuscript begins with an extensive review of literature in the relevant field of study. In a research paper, the structure of the journal is required and the argument should flow from one section to the next logically.

Apparently, clear and correct English language need to be used throughout the text and jargons should not be entertained. The good quality research manuscripts or papers will move from the general to the specific and begin with the background of the work. It moves through the problem statement of the research that being investigated, clear description about the research method, providing results of the research analytically, then develop the discussion and draw conclusions based upon what has been covered in the research manuscript or paper, relating these all back to the original context of the research work.

Usually, research papers will either develop a theory or test a theory (Deductive or Inductive). A research manuscript or paper that does not add new knowledge to the particular field of study and therefore it will not fall into the category of a good quality research paper. It is not a research paper at all.

Above all abstract is a very important section of a high quality research paper. Besides the title, it is the most widely read section of an article. The first impressions about the abstract on editors and reviewers may have a great influence on further actions of the article. Therefore an abstract should be included with all important relevant information about the research study, so that editors, reviewers and readers understand the justification of the study, are assured of appropriateness of the research method used, are informed about the final conclusion findings.

So, I would like to remark that JAS publishes only high quality research manuscripts with above mentioned characteristics. Currently the JAS has been included in more than 35 journal databases including AGRICOLA, AGORA, Cabi Abstracts, TEEL and DOAJ. It shows the wider acceptance of JAS by international citations and journal databases. This is an indicator for our progress in journal quality during past years. There were many people behind this success. This honour must go to Dr. Chandrika Dissanayake - Coordinating Editor of JAS, Mr Prasad C. Iddamalgoda, Ms Suioux Cummings and Andy Nobes of SLJOL, Mr H H U Peiris, all the authors, reviewers and editorial committee members.

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