**An Analysis of the Pre-print Policies of the Communication Disorders Journals**

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 **Abstract**

Publicly disseminating scholarly papers as preprints has gained momentum in every subject field. The recent pandemic demonstrated the importance of preprint as a channel of scientific communication. The preprints are soon getting recognized as the formal component of the publication process. Hence, the publishers must announce a clear policy regarding the preprints to the authors. Communication disorders is a combined discipline of audiology and speech-language pathology that deals with speech, hearing, and language sciences and disabilities. There are several journals on communication disorders publishing research from across the world. The publishers in the field include non-profit organizations, learned societies, and commercial publishing companies. Understanding the preprint policies of communication disorders journals will help the professionals in the area quickly disseminate their research results. The present study aims to analyze the preprint policies of the major communication disorders journals. The journals indexed in the Web of Science under the subject category 'Audiology & Speech-Langauge Pathology' have been selected as the dataset for the study. Thirty journals are listed in the Web of Science database under the above category. A descriptive analysis of the preprint policies of these journals will be performed by collecting relevant information from their official websites.