

Code of Ethics to Check Malpractices and Plagiarism in Research

The institution is committed to producing and promoting research avoiding malpractices and plagiarism in research. Plagiarism is a form of academic dishonesty in which one person submits or presents the work of another person as his or her own, copying or paraphrasing substantial parts of another's work without due acknowledgement, and claiming credit for another's research.

The code of ethics is focusing to provide guidance on the proper behaviour of editors, reviewers and authors. It includes:

Peer review process

All of a journal's content is subjected to peer-review. Articles submitted for publication are subjected to a peer review process. Articles are first reviewed by editorial committee. The editor may reject it out of hand either because it is not dealing with the subject matter for that journal or because it is manifestly of a low quality so that it cannot be considered at all. Articles that are found suitable for review are then sent to experts in the field related to that paper. Referees are asked to review the paper and suggest amendments and improvements if necessary, or suggest that paper is not publishable. Referees' evaluations usually include an explicit recommendation of what to do with the manuscript. Referees' comments are then sent to the author.

A reviewer's comment decides the acceptance or rejection of an article and they are one major element in a peer review process. All our reviewers are requested to go through the articles submitted to them for review in detail and give the review comments without any bias which will increase the quality of our journal.

Editor evaluates manuscripts for their intellectual content without regard to race, gender, religious belief, ethnic origin, or citizenship of the authors. Editors' decision to accept or reject a paper for publication is based only on the importance, originality, clarity, and the relevance of the paper.

Reviewers:

Reviewers are the main members contributing for the benefit of the journal being a peer reviewed journal they are insisted not to disclose their identity in any form. Peer reviewer assists the Editor and the editorial board in making editorial decisions while editorial communications with the author may also assist the author in improving the paper. A reviewer should immediately decline to review an article submitted if he/she feels that the article is technically unqualified or if the timely review cannot be done by him/her or if the article has a conflict of interest. All submissions are treated as confidential.

Reviewers being the base of the whole quality process should ensure that the articles published should be of good quality and original work. He may inform the editor if he finds

the article submitted to him for review is under consideration in any other publication or any substantial similarity or overlap between the manuscript under consideration and any other published paper of which they have personal knowledge.

Confidentiality

Editorial committee does not disclose any information about a submitted manuscript to anyone other than the corresponding author. Editor ensures that material submitted remains confidential while under review.

Acknowledgement of sources

Reviewers should identify relevant published work that has not been cited by the authors. Any statement that an observation, derivation, or argument had been previously reported should be accompanied by the relevant citation.

Duties and responsibilities of authors

Authors are advised to follow the following code of ethics strictly:

Submit manuscripts which are their original. Submitted manuscripts should contain original and new results, data, and their ideas, which are not submitted for publishing to other publications or published elsewhere. Invented data and results, intellectual property theft and plagiarism are highly unacceptable; it is beyond the ethics of an author. Information obtained via various media should be provided in the manuscript only with prior permission from the owner of the source of information or data. They should properly cite the work they are referring; authors are advised to cross check the reference before submission of manuscript.

Authors and co-authors are requested to review and ensure the accuracy and validity of all the results prior to submission. Any potential conflict of interest should be informed to the editor in advance. Authors are bound by the policy of publication. All authors are requested to submit the copyright transfer form without failure once they receive the acceptance of their article for publication.

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Originality and plagiarism

The authors should ensure that they have written entirely original works, and if the authors have used the work and/or words of others that this has been appropriately cited or quoted. Plagiarism in all its forms constitutes unethical publishing behaviour and is unacceptable.

Authorship of the paper

Authorship should be limited to those who have made a significant contribution to the conception, design, execution, or interpretation of the reported study. All those who have made significant contributions should be listed as co-authors. All co-authors have to approve the final version of the paper and have to agree to its submission for publication.

Breach of Code:

We all should ensure that the code of ethics formed is followed in all possible ways. The Executive Managing Editor of journal or Editorial Committee members are entitled to take action against an individual if they found to be violating the code.