THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR JOURNAL PUBLISHERS

**Publishers should:**

• Define the relationship between publisher, editor and other parties to the contractual relationship;

• To respect the right to confidentiality and privacy of personal information (e.g., research participants, authors, reviewers);

• Protect intellectual property and copyright (copyright);

• To promote the independence of editors.

**Publishers must, in cooperation with the editors of journals to solve the following problem:**

• Formation of effective policy of the journal and mechanisms for its implementation, especially in such aspects as:

- The independence of the editors;

Research ethics, including confidentiality, obtaining necessary approvals and fulfillment of special requirements for conducting research on humans and animals;

- Authorship;

- Transparency and integrity (for example in relation to conflicts of interest, funding, research, standards writing, articles);

- Reviewing colleagues, and the role of the editorial Board in addition to the role of editor;

- Appeals and complaints;

• Dissemination of information on policies of the journal (e.g. authors, readers, reviewers);

• Periodic review policy of the journal, in particular, in connection with the emergence of new recommendations from the COPE;

• Compliance with the code of conduct for journal editors and the COPE best practice guidelines;

• To remain faithful to the principles of academic honesty;

• Assist the parties (e.g., agencies, funders, government agencies) responsible for investigating cases of unfair practice in research and publication and, if possible, to assist in the resolution of these issues;

• Publish corrections, clarifications, and unfair to revoke article;

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