

Publication Ethics and Publication Malpractice Statement

The publication Ethics and Malpractice Statement are mainly based on the Code of Conduct and Best-Practice Guidelines for Journal Editors (Committee on Publication Ethics, 2011) and the Publication Ethics and Publication Malpractice Statement (PsychOpen,2012).

Editors' responsibilities

The responsibilities of the Editors are as follows:

1. Acceptance of a paper for publication will be based on the paper's importance, originality and clarity.
2. The decision of acceptance will be made regardless of the authors' gender, race, sexual orientation, religious belief, citizenship or political orientation.
3. The information about submitted manuscripts is confidential
4. Unpublished materials which were disclosed to a submitted paper will not be used by the editor board for their own research without the explicit written consent of the author
5. The Editor has to ensure that all published reports and reviews of research have been reviewed by suitably qualified reviewers.

Reviewers' responsibilities

The responsibilities of the Reviewers are as follows:

1. The Reviewer assists the editorial board with the selection of accepted papers and provides advices for the authors how they can improve their papers.
2. Reviewer who feels unqualified to review the selected paper should inform the editor.
3. The review should be stated objectively and with supporting arguments

Authors' responsibilities

The responsibilities of the Authors are as follows:

1. Underlying Data of the paper should be presented accurately.
2. Using knowingly inaccurate statements are unacceptable.
3. Authors should make their used data publicly available if possible.
4. Authors are only allowed to submit their own original work
5. The work of others has to be cited accordingly.
6. It is not acceptable to submit the same paper to more than one journal or conference.
7. Only people who have made significant contribution to the paper should be listed as co-authors.
8. The corresponding author is responsible to include all contributing co-authors and to make sure that all co-authors have agreed to submit the final version of the paper.
9. The author should inform the editor when he discovers any significant errors in their published work.

References

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