

Publication Ethics & Malpractice Statement

At MAT Journals, we are committed to maintaining the highest standards of publication ethics and addressing all forms of malpractice in scholarly publishing. Our policies are based on the ethical guidelines provided by the **Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE)**, and we expect all parties involved in the publication process authors, editors, reviewers, and the publisher to adhere to these standards.

Responsibilities of Authors

- Authors must ensure that their work is original and has not been copied from other sources. Proper citation of all sources and influences is mandatory. Plagiarism in any form whether intentional or unintentional is unacceptable.
- Authors are responsible for the accuracy of the data and should provide clear, transparent, and reproducible research results. Making fraudulent or knowingly inaccurate statements is unethical and will not be tolerated.
- Authors must not submit the same research to more than one journal or publication simultaneously, as this is considered unethical.
- All individuals who have made significant contributions to the research should be listed as co-authors. Conversely, those who have not contributed should not be included. Authors are responsible for ensuring that all contributors approve the final version of the manuscript and its submission for publication.
- Authors are required to disclose any potential conflicts of interest—whether financial, personal, or professional—that could influence the interpretation of their research. Additionally, any funding sources or financial support must be clearly acknowledged.
- If an author becomes aware of a significant error or inaccuracy in their published work, they must promptly inform the journal editor or publisher and cooperate in correcting or retracting the paper if necessary.

Responsibilities of Editors

- Editors are tasked with determining which submitted manuscripts should be published, basing their decisions on the manuscript's importance, originality, relevance to the journal's scope, the validity of the research, and input from peer reviewers.
- Manuscripts should be evaluated strictly on their intellectual merit, without consideration of the authors' race, gender, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, ethnicity, citizenship, or political perspectives.
- Editors are responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of all submitted manuscripts and should not disclose any details about a submission to anyone other than the corresponding author, reviewers, potential reviewers, or the publisher.
- Editors must not utilize unpublished material from a submitted manuscript for their own research without the explicit written consent of the author. Additionally, editors should withdraw from handling manuscripts if they have a conflict of interest.

Responsibilities of Reviewers

- Reviewers play a key role in supporting editors with publication decisions and may also assist authors by offering constructive suggestions to improve their manuscripts.

- Manuscripts provided for review must be treated with confidentiality. Reviewers should not discuss or share the manuscript with anyone except those authorized by the editor.
- Reviews should be conducted objectively, without personal criticism of the author. Reviewers are expected to offer clear, constructive feedback, backed by evidence.
- Reviewers should highlight any relevant published work not cited by the author. If they detect any significant overlap or similarity between the manuscript and other published material, they should notify the editor.
- Reviewers must excuse themselves from evaluating manuscripts where they have conflicts of interest, whether due to competitive, collaborative, or other connections with the authors or institutions associated with the paper.

Publisher's Responsibilities

1. **Ethical Oversight:** MAT Journals is committed to ensuring that all publication practices and policies are in accordance with the highest ethical standards. We work closely with editors, reviewers, and authors to detect and prevent misconduct, including plagiarism, data falsification, and duplicate submission.
2. **Corrections and Retractions:** In cases of proven scientific misconduct, fraudulent publication, or significant errors, MAT Journals will issue a correction or retract the affected work in accordance with COPE guidelines.
3. **Archiving:** MAT Journals ensures the long-term availability and preservation of all published articles by working with appropriate digital archiving systems.

Addressing Misconduct

MAT Journals takes all allegations of unethical behavior seriously. If misconduct is suspected, we will follow COPE's guidelines to investigate and resolve the issue. This may involve contacting the author, editor, or reviewer to seek clarification, and, if necessary, referring the matter to the author's institution or other relevant authorities.

Conclusion

MAT Journals is dedicated to ensuring the integrity of the academic record and promoting ethical publishing practices. We rely on the active participation and adherence to these principles by all stakeholders in the publication process. We encourage all authors, editors, and reviewers to be familiar with and adhere to our ethical guidelines to maintain the quality and trustworthiness of scholarly publishing.