



Publishing Ethics Guidelines

At Scientific Steps Group, we are committed to upholding the highest standards of publishing ethics to ensure the integrity, transparency, and ethical practices in our peer-reviewed journals. Our publishing ethics outlines the policies and guidelines that authors, reviewers, editors, and readers should adhere to.

We provide the necessary links to relevant resources and organizations for further information on publishing ethics.

1. Plagiarism and Copyright Infringement:

- Scientific Steps Group strictly prohibits plagiarism and copyright infringement. Authors must submit original work, properly cite and acknowledge the sources they have used, and obtain necessary permissions for copyrighted materials.
- Our editorial team employs plagiarism detection software, including Turnitin, to ensure that the similarity index of submitted manuscripts is below 20% before proceeding with the review process.

2. Authorship and Acknowledgment:

- All authors listed on a manuscript must have made a significant intellectual contribution to the research and be able to take responsibility for the content.
- Proper acknowledgment should be given to individuals or organizations that have contributed to the research or publication process but do not meet the criteria for authorship.

3. Conflict of Interest:

- Authors, reviewers, and editors must disclose any potential conflicts of interest that may influence their work or decision-making process.
- Conflicts of interest may include financial, personal, or professional relationships that could compromise objectivity or create bias.

4. Data Integrity and Reproducibility:

- Authors are expected to present accurate and reliable data, methods, and findings in their manuscripts.
- When possible, authors should provide access to raw data to reviewers and make it available upon request to readers.
- Reproducibility of research findings should be encouraged, and authors should provide sufficient details and documentation to enable replication of their work.

5. Peer Review Process:

- Our peer review process adheres to the highest standards of rigor, impartiality, and fairness.
- Reviewers are carefully selected based on their expertise and are expected to provide unbiased, constructive, and timely feedback.
- Confidentiality and anonymity of reviewers and authors are maintained throughout the peer review process.

6. Editorial Independence:

- Editors make decisions based solely on the academic merit and relevance of submitted manuscripts.
- Editors must avoid any personal, financial, or institutional influences that may compromise their impartiality or decision-making.

7. Ethical Guidelines and Resources:

- Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE): COPE provides valuable resources on publication ethics, including guidelines, case studies, and best practices.
- In cases of serious misconduct or ethical concerns, appropriate actions, such as retractions or expressions of concern, will be taken in accordance with the guidelines provided by the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE).
- International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE): ICMJE offers ethical guidelines specifically for medical journals.

At Scientific Steps Group, we encourage all stakeholders involved in the publication process to familiarize themselves with our publishing ethics guidelines. By maintaining ethical practices, we aim to provide a trusted and reliable academic publishing environment.