

Publication Ethics and Publication Malpractice Statement

We follow the Code of Conduct and Best-Practice Guidelines for Journal Editors (Committee on Publication Ethics, 2011). Our publication ethics and publication malpractice statement is mainly based on following statements.

Ethical Guidelines for Journal Publication

International Journal of Applied Sciences and Biotechnology (IJASBT) (website: www.ijasbt.org) is committed to ensure ethics in publication of quality articles and it follows the Code of Conduct defined by the Committee of Publication Ethics (COPE) available at http://publicationethics.org/files/u2/New_Code.pdf.

General Duties and Responsibilities of Editors

Editors should be responsible for everything published in their journals. They should:

- ✓ Endeavor to meet the demands of readers and authors.
 - ✓ Constantly try to improve the standard of journal.
 - ✓ Ensure the quality & originality of the material they publish.
 - ✓ Adept for freedom of expression.
 - ✓ Maintain the integrity of the academic record.
 - ✓ Rule out business needs from compromising intellectual standards.
 - ✓ Always be willing to publish corrections, clarifications, retractions and apologies when needed.
1. **Publication Decisions:** Based on the review report, the Editor-in-Chief has complete responsibility and authority to accept, reject, or request modifications to the manuscript. Current legal requirements regarding copyright infringement, and plagiarism should also be considered.
 2. **Review of Manuscripts:** Editor must ensure that the reviewer initially evaluates each manuscript for originality of manuscript. All manuscripts are screened by appropriate software ([iThenticate](#)) to find out similarity check.
 3. **Double blind Review:** The editor must ensure that each manuscript submitted to the International Journal of Applied Sciences and Biotechnology is submitted without the authors' name in the manuscript. If not, it is duty of editor to delete the names before assigning the reviewer. Secondly, it is the duty of editor to maintain confidentiality of reviewer name to author also.

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8. **Ethical Guidelines:** The editor shall ensure that all research material they publish conforms to internationally accepted ethical guidelines of COPE, available at <http://publicationethics.org>.
9. **Unbiased Behavior:** The editor should not reject papers based on suspicions; they should have proof of misconduct to author.

Responsibilities of Reviewers

1. **Confidentiality:** Reviewers should keep all information regarding papers confidential and treat them as privileged information.
2. **Acknowledgement & Citations of Sources:** Reviewers must ensure that authors have acknowledged all sources of data used in the research. They must check the copyright and permissions of secondary data used in the manuscript.
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7. **Promptness:** If reviewer feels it is not possible for him/her to complete review of manuscript within given time, then, he/she should inform promptly to the editor, so that the manuscript could be sent to another reviewer.

Responsibilities of Authors

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2. **Multiple Submissions:** Authors must certify that the manuscript is not currently submitted elsewhere for publication.
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