



Guidance on the Scopus Title Evaluation Requirements of Publication Ethics and Malpractice Statement

As part the essential submission requirements of a journal for possible inclusion in Scopus we require that a clear statement of the Journal's position with regards to their Publication Ethics Policies is provided.

This Publication Ethics and Malpractice Statement (PEM Statement) can be individualised to each journal but must include reference to the essential policies that demonstrate the publisher and journal commitment to ensuring best practice in publishing ethics and managing any malpractice that occurs.

There must be a specific named link on the main web site to this PEM Statement which can then be accessed directly. In some journals this may link directly to the overall Publisher ethics statement and policies which apply to all its journals. This is in accordance with the Scopus submission requirements for journal evaluation.

<https://beta.elsevier.com/products/scopus/content/content-policy-and-selection?trial=true>

It is expected that any PEM Statement will include a specific reference to how the journal demonstrates the following ethics policies as noted in the COPE et al (2022) Principles of Transparency and Best Practice in Scholarly Publishing [1]:

These are:

- Journal's policies on authorship and contributorship.
- How the journal will handle complaints and appeals.
- How the journal will handle allegations of research misconduct.
- Journal's policies on conflicts of interest.
- Journal's policies on data sharing and reproducibility.
- Journal's policy on ethical oversight.
- Journal's policy on intellectual property.
- Journal's options for post-publication discussions.
- Journal's policies on corrections and retractions.
- Journal's policies for ensuring the integrity of the scholarly literature in their journals and outline their policies and procedures for handling such issues when they arise. These issues include plagiarism, citation manipulation, and data falsification/fabrication, among others.

The journal can demonstrate how these are implemented through one individual statement OR alternatively through directly linking, from this main heading of a Publication Ethics and Malpractice Statement to the appropriate section on the journal website.



These essential Ethical Policies required are in keeping with the COPE et al (2022) Principles of Transparency and Best Practice in Scholarly Publishing that Scopus has now adopted as part of its own journal evaluation guidance. It is advised that in developing the required statement that these Principles are accessed and considered carefully for their full meaning and expectations, in addition to all other aspects of the journal that will be considered as part of the overall Journal evaluation process by the Scopus CSAB.

References

1. COPE DOAJ OASPA WAME. Principles of Transparency and Best Practice in Scholarly Publishing — English. <https://doi.org/10.24318/cope.2019.1.12>

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