

**PUBLICATION ETHICS  
AND MALPRACTICE  
STATEMENT**

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## *Publishing Ethics : Academic Research*

### **Introduction**

In Swedish Journal of Scientific Research (SJSR), The quality and publishing process of our academic material is important. This paper outlines the concepts of best practice for journals. We hope that these guidelines will help many groups, including authors, peer reviewers, publishers, companies and funders within and outside the Journal.

The Publication Ethics Committee (COPE); which is a global organization that aims to encourage publishers to meet high publishing ethical standards. Those can also be useful for book publishers, though COPE mainly offers guidance and tools for journal editors – we refer to them throughout the text. In addition, other relevant industry organizations follow standards and best-practice guidelines. Any external guidelines we follow are referred to in the relevant sections below.

### **Research Integrity**

Our journal has high standards and expects work published by SJSR to abide by the values set out in the Journal's Research Integrity Policy. These principles shall cover:

- Integrity in all fields of research;
- Careful attention, thoroughness and excellence in research practice;
- Free contact and transparency;
- Care and respect for all participants and research subjects.

In addition to the general principles set out above, we expect our journal editorial teams to provide detailed guidelines and policies for authors on research integrity and ethics related to their subject matter and discipline.

### **Editorial Process**

- We commit to editorial independence in all cases and strive, by conflicts of interest, fear or any other corporate or political influence, to prevent this principle from being compromised. This dedication to editorial independence is expressed in our editions.
- SJSR advise and authorize all our publishing contracts, supervises the academic publishing curriculum. In journal contracts, the function of the SJSR is different:

In-house editors who may also consult external editors or the subject specialists will initially review the proposals submitted for our journal-publishing program. If SJSR is able to take account of the proposal, the proposal shall be sent, together with its sample contents, to at least two external and independent peer reviewers. The reviews of peer reviewers are used to notify the publisher of the decision to recommend submission to the SJSR. The SJSR shall then determine whether to grant the publishing contract or not to the author(s). Further reviews and guidance after contract are free for our editors. The SJSR shall then determine whether to grant the publishing contract or not to the author(s). Our editors can request further reviews and post-contract guidance to inform the creation of the manuscript.

- The editorial decisions on papers submitted to our journal are based on independent peer reviews and are taken by external academia editors. The SJSR must approve the publication of a new journal or the establishment of a new journal by SJSR. The SJSR also has the right to comment on policy changes, ethics and other matters that concern our journal business, but it cannot take any decisions on publishing individual articles within its responsibilities.

- We encourage all journals to develop policies and processes in order to consider calls for publishing decisions. For details on this process, please contact individual journals. We consider calls for publishing decisions in articles but only when new information is available relevant to publishing decisions or when there is reason to believe that our Code of Ethics or these Guidelines for Publishing research Ethics have been disregarded. Please contact [editor@sjsr.se](mailto:editor@sjsr.se) if you have any concerns and wish to appeal or make a complaint.

### Peer Review

Peer review is essential to maintain our publications' standards.

- Encourage our editors and peer reviewers to familiarize themselves and act according to the appropriate best practice guidelines for peer review, in order to provide appropriate systems, training and help to make all our publications rigorous, fair and efficient. Please refer to the COPE's Ethical Recommendations for peer reviewers for journal publishers and peer reviewers. Wait for peer reviewers to identify warnings of fraudulent or distorted peer review and to discuss issues with them through email [editor@sjsr.se](mailto:editor@sjsr.se). Those who track the peer evaluation process may be internally or contractually retained by us at SJSR; support our editors and peer reviewers in investigating and acting on any suspected cases of manipulated or fraudulent peer review;

- Protection of the confidentiality of peer review participants where anonymity is part of the peer review process of that publication. We also expect our publishing partners, writers and peer reviewers to maintain and provide information to support any pertinent confidentiality agreement for each journal.

### Authorship

We are aware that there are different disciplines and formats for publishing for whom the author is listed. Where there are no other criteria, authority should be based on the principles below.

These should apply to all fields of research:

1. Substantial contributions to the design or acquisition of work data; or analysis or interpretation;
2. Draft or critically review the work for essential intellectual contents;
3. End of version approval to be published;

4. Agreement to ensure that all aspects of the work are properly reviewed and addressed with regard to the quality or credibility of all sections of the work.

Our presumption is that, on behalf of all co-authors, the respective author has the authority to act, and we expect the corresponding author to confirm this at the commencement of the publication.

COPE offers extensive authoring and authorship resources, and we urge those who participate in publishing choices to become familiar with these resources. We help our editors' deal with any conflicts of authorship, including escalation or advice on COPE cases. In order to improve authoring accountability, we integrate with existing and emerging industry standards.

### Plagiarism

Plagiarism is described as 'presentation as one's own work, regardless of the purpose of deceiving what part or all of it derives without due consideration from the work of others. It is a bad academic award and a violation of academic integrity.

SJSR complies with the key values of the Declaration on Plagiarism of the Journal, modified as appropriate for publication below.

Copying (using the vocabulary and / or concepts of someone else as if they were own) is examples of plagiarism by:

- quotation of the work of another person without the proper acknowledgment of the source;
- paraphrase the work of another person without the proper recognition of the source by altering the word or word sequence;
- Use ideas taken from another person without the originator being referred to;
- Internet cuts and pasts to render on-line sources pastiche;

Plagiarism may also arise from colluding with someone who has not been declared or recognized (i.e., when collaboration is disguised or prohibited). Work: Work should include a general recognition, for example in the language and style of a work written, where it received substantial assistance.

In any of our publications, we do not accept plagiarism and reserve the right to inspect any application through the correct testing tools. Presentations containing, or in whole or in part, suspected plagiarism are rejected. We will follow our guidelines outlined in the Retractions, Corrections and Concerns Section of these Guidelines if plagiarism is discovered after publication. We expect our readers, reviewer and publishers, either through the editor in question, or through an email [editor@sjsr.se](mailto:editor@sjsr.se), to raise any suspicions of plagiarism.

### **Duplicate and Redundant Publication**

Duplication, redundancy, or 'self-plagiarism,' happens when the author(s) of the work publishes the work, or substantial parts thereof, more than once. This can be in one language or another.

Redundant publication may occur when two or more publications have significant overlaps without a suitable cross-referencing or overlap justification<sup>3</sup>. Double or redundant publication is not supported unless:

- the editorial impression is that the intellectual debate should be strengthened; and
- we have strong understanding with the initial publication; and

We include citation of the original source.

We expect our readers, reviewers and editors, by contacting the respective editor or via email to raise any suspicions of a duplicate or redundant publication

### **Research with Humans or Animals**

Human or animal study should be accepted and comply with moral and legal principles of science by applicable ethical committee(s). Research involving people and animals. We also expect writers to respect the right to privacy for individual participants and to obtain the required authorization for publication in advance of submission. Please consult the individual journal submissions guidelines or contact the relevant book or journal editor, for information on whether authors are required to submit or include evidence.

### **Conflicts of Interest and Funding**

We are seeking to ensure that every publication by SJSR is free of undue influence. The authors SJSR publications must declare any potential conflicts of interests that may interfere with the objectivity or integrity of the publication.

The and editors and reviews of SJSR Journal publications. Conflicts of interests are circumstances where the introduction, review and publication of a work may be perceived to have an unfair impact. They may be financial, non-financial, corporation, contractual or personal. It is also expected to be reported by the editor or emails to any person suspected of a non-revealed conflict of interests in relation to the work published or being considered by SJSR.

In addition to a declaration of conflicts of interest, many of our publications include inclusion of a declaration of support. Please check the declaration requirements with the respective journal or book editor.

### **Libel, Defamation and Freedom of Expression**

We, as academic publishers, oppose freedom of speech, but we do not support publishing false statements, which damage personality, community or organization's reputation. Our legal team will also be able to advise on libel reviews and address any of our publications on allegations of libel.

### **Retractions, Corrections and Expressions of Concern**

In compliance with COPE 'S Retraction Guidelines, journal editors shall consider retractions, corrections and expressions of concern. The journal must give a corrigendum, if an author has made an error. If the journal finds that it has made a mistake, it makes a mistake. Retractions are usually reserved for publications that are so seriously flawed that their conclusions or findings must not be relied upon. Documents publishing Approved Handwritten that alter a little, like what is likely to happen in typing or re-reading, but in accordance with COPE's Retraction Guidelines, any substantial corrections will be produced.

In the case of articles, we will warn the author(s) and editor(s) in question if anyone poses legal, ethical or security questions regarding the publication of SJSR. Our next step is to investigate and resolve the problem, if necessary, through dialog or negotiations with any interested third party or by referring them to an investigative institution. If the problem concerns the integrity or accuracy of the content itself, a correction or a withdrawal and withdrawal from sales would be considered. We would do so in a way that retains the integrity of the academic record and other related works (for example, other volumes in a series), when any content has been withdrawn. This includes the maintenance of any related metadata and, where legal, the abstract.

### **Falsification, Fabrication and Image Manipulation**

Where research data are collected or presented as images, modifying these images can sometimes misrepresent the results obtained or their significance. We recognize that there can be legitimate reasons for modifying images, but we expect authors to avoid modifying images where this leads to the falsification, fabrication, or misrepresentation of their results.

### **Fraudulent Research and Research Misconduct**

If a SJSR author tells us about the fraudulent work or work abuse, our first concern is the credibility of the contents that we write. We shall investigate with the editors concerned, COPE and other relevant institutions or organizations. Any publication which includes fraudulent findings or a suitable correction or expression of concern will be withdrawn. For more information, please see these Instructions for Retractions, Corrections and Concern Expressions.

### **Versions and Adaptations**

Our publications are distributed in a variety of cultural, environmental and economic contexts worldwide. Therefore, in order to meet these contexts, we can produce different versions of some of our items. We do not alter current, published content or create new materials to satisfy political and ideological criteria, where we judge that they undermine or contradict our code of ethics on the consistency, efficacy or factual accuracy of the material.

We issue third-party licenses to duplicate, reuse or adapt our content in various contexts, languages and territories in terms of volumes and subsidiaries. If we have reservations about the quality and accuracy of the approved version, we and our writers retain the right to refuse to issue our licenses.

### **Transparency**

We strive to follow the transparency and best practice of COPE in the field of academic publishing and encourage the adherence of our partners.

### **Data and Supporting Evidence**

We support accessibility and transparency regarding data, code and other research-related materials. We assume that authors will maintain reliable records of evidence that is appropriate to permit others, at fair request, to recognize, validate and reproduce new findings and to provide or provide access to such supporting data. We encourage authors to deposit data in appropriate repositories and storage sites to share and continue their use, where appropriate and permitted by an employer, a funding authority or others that may be interested. SJSR is committed to allowing authors, either on our own platforms or through third-party services, to connect supporting data to their manuscripts.

The SJSR is also the signatory of the TOP Guidelines for Transparency and Opening. For information on their transparency requirements, please contact individual journals.

### **Integrity of Record**

For the information (metadata) that labels every publication, we keep a record of all we publish. If our contents are considered not to comply with the laws of a sovereign nation, we shall do all we can to ensure that the metadata remain available within such competence. Where we are obliged in some way to amend the published record, as in the event of research misconduct which leads to a publication being retracted, we keep the academic record to the full extent possible. For more detail about how we are doing this, see the rectifications, corrections and statements of concern for these guidelines.

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## *Ethical Business Practices Publication and Submission fee*

The Research papers should be drafted in The Swedish Journal of Scientific Research SJSR paper submission format and sent to [editor@sjsr.se](mailto:editor@sjsr.se) for review.

No application for registration shall be acceptable if it is not accompanied by a document attesting payment of the application and publication fees

The Publication Fees are:

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- One Author 100 \$.
- Two Authors 150 \$.
- Three Authors or More 200 (\$).

Full information about fees must be clearly stated on the journal's website before authors begin preparing their manuscript for submission.

### **Fair Access**

We have an expansive program in the developing world which allows researchers in developing countries to have free or cheap access to our digital content. We are also active in various worldwide access projects to ensure the publication of academics from qualifying LICs in our Open Access Journals. We also study and accept exemptions requests from researchers who do not have enough funds to pay a fee for Article Processing.

### **Censorship**

In censorship we're never going to be complicit. As a world leader in teaching and research, SJSR is fully engaged in and promoted by the SJSR as a leading research and educational institution. As a worldwide publisher, our mission is to disseminate information to the widest possible audience and to represent the Journal worldwide.

### **Marketing Communication**

Social media and e-mail communication are powerful instruments that enable us to disseminate and engage our publications, access new readers and maintain content alive. Any further contact should never, however, be harmful to the quality of the material or the academic record. All employees responsible for our social media channels are expected to become familiar with appropriate social media policies, best media practice and the guidance on marketing publications (or equivalent bodies applicable to our global offices) of the SJSR.

### **Advertising**

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- be clearly distinct from content;
- be independent from editorial decisions on what we publish.

See our Code of Ethics for more information on our due diligence and data security policies. In case of a claim we breach this research Ethics Guidelines or our code of ethics We reserve the right to reject or delete any ads. The goods and services are also marketed to the clients. We do so under our Privacy Policy, data privacy guidelines, publications marketing policy and internal enforcement procedures of the Advertising Standards Authority.

### **PR/Media**

In all press, communications or other media communications we recommend academics who become involved in media or ads, who have followed and follow the Code of Conduct of the International Public Relations Association, and who follow these standards. Where we promote or seek media activities related to one of our authors, editors or publishing partners, we are committed to informing them.

### Metrics, Usage and Reporting

We try to ensure our reporting on the use of content continues to conform to the industry standard and to the code of practice of COUNTER. In order to enable our customers and publishing partners to compare the use of SJSR resources with data received from other publishers and vendors, we aim to implement new COUNTER releases at the earliest opportunity. We may omit use which breaches or is known to be fraudulent or malicious. We may not use our terms or conditions of use. We work with a number of third parties to provide our users with metrics that illustrate the impact and reception of our information, including commercial services.

### Useful contacts

For any inquiries regarding the integrity of SJSR or COPE's core areas of practice, please contact <https://sjsr.se/en/home.php>. All inquiries shall be answered as sensitively and confidentially as possible in the light of any required subsequent inquiry.

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