

## **Responsible Publication**

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## Learning Objectives







### RESPONSIBLE PUBLICATION

Publish in order to advance research and scholarship, not to advance just your own career. Avoid wasteful and duplicative publication. (Resnik)

## Elements of Responsible publication

- Authors
- Editors

## Role of Authors



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- The research being reported should have been conducted in an ethical and responsible manner and should comply with all relevant legislation.
- Researchers should present their results clearly, honestly, and without fabrication, falsification or inappropriate data manipulation.
- Researchers should strive to describe their methods clearly and unambiguously so that their findings can be confirmed by others.

### Role of Authors

- Researchers should adhere to publication requirements that submitted work is original, is not plagiarised, and has not been published elsewhere.
- Authors should take collective responsibility for submitted and published work.
- The authorship of research publications should accurately reflect individuals' contributions to the work and its reporting.
- Funding sources and relevant conflicts of interest should be disclosed.

### Why Authors don't behave responsibly?

- Lack of Training
- Pressure of publications
- Unawareness that modern tools of journals can detect their forgery etc
- Lack of infrastructure for conducting novel research.
- Lack of System

## What is this?



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## Educate Authors politely about your modern tools

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۔ آپکی حفاظت کے پیش نظر یہاں پر کیمرے نصب ہیں

### Training workshop for authors

- Authors usually don't read "Instructions to Authors of journals"
- Guide and help authors and provide solution to their problems in Hands on Training Session.
- Identify pockets/institutes from where major portion of publications come.

### Role of Editors



### Role of Editors in Responsible Publication

Accountability and responsibility for journal content

Editorial independence and integrity

Editorial confidentiality

Encourage maximum transparency and complete and honest reporting

Responding to criticisms and concerns

Critically assess and require a high standard of ethical conduct of Research

Proper peer review

Editorial decision making

# Why Editors fail sometimes to provide responsible publication

- Lack of training of Editors
- Lack of Manpower
- Lack of Good Software
- Lack of trained admin staff
- Lack of trained reviewer
- Majority of the manuscripts are not up to the mark resulting in wastage of time.

#### Role of Editors

- Editors are accountable and should take responsibility for everything they publish
- Editors should make fair and unbiased decisions independent from commercial consideration and ensure a fair and appropriate peer review process
- Editors should adopt editorial policies that encourage maximum transparency and complete, honest reporting
- Editors should guard the integrity of the published record by issuing corrections and retractions when needed and pursuing suspected or alleged research and publication misconduct

### Role of Editors

- Editors should pursue reviewer and editorial misconduct
- Editors should critically assess the ethical conduct of studies in humans and animals
- Peer reviewers and authors should be told what is expected of them
- Editors should have appropriate policies in place for handling editorial conflicts of interest

# How to improve Editors Contribution in Responsible publication

- Training of Editors (CME course)
- Training of Reviewers
- Providing Good IT support
- Training of Admin Staff

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