Further reading
- Cooperation between research institutions and journals on research integrity cases https://doi.org/10.24318/cope.2018.1.3
- RePAIR consensus guidelines https://cope.onl/repair
- Enhancing partnerships of institutions and journals to address concerns about research misconduct: https://doi.org/10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2023.20796

Enhancing partnerships of institutions and journals to address concerns about research misconduct

Box 1 - Examples of suspected breach of research or publication integrity
- Reviewer suspected to have appropriated an author’s ideas or data (https://doi.org/10.24318/cope.2019.2.5)
- Changes in authorship (incomplete consent for adding author before/after publication or for removing author before/after publication) (https://doi.org/10.24318/cope.2019.2.8), (https://doi.org/10.24318/cope.2019.2.9), (https://doi.org/10.24318/cope.2019.2.10)
- Suspected ethical problem (lack of ethical approval, concern about participant consent or animal experimentation) in a submitted manuscript (https://doi.org/10.24318/cope.2019.2.19)
- Undisclosed conflict of interest before/after publication* (https://doi.org/10.24318/cope.2019.2.6), (https://doi.org/10.24318/cope.2019.2.7)
- Image manipulation in a published article* (https://doi.org/10.24318/cope.2019.2.21)
- Fabricated data before/after publication* (https://doi.org/10.24318/cope.2019.2.3), (https://doi.org/10.24318/cope.2019.2.4)
- Plagiarism before/after publication* (https://doi.org/10.24318/cope.2019.2.1), (https://doi.org/10.24318/cope.2019.2.2)
- Redundant (duplicate) publication before/after publication* (https://doi.org/10.24318/cope.2019.2.12), (https://doi.org/10.24318/cope.2019.2.13)
- Systematic manipulation of the publication process before/after publication* (https://doi.org/10.24318/cope.2019.2.23)
- Peer review manipulation suspected during/after publication* (https://doi.org/10.24318/cope.2019.2.20), (https://doi.org/10.24318/dvudITev)

* Situations in box 1 that could also apply to box 2.

Box 2 - Examples of confirmed breach of research or publication integrity
- Ghost, guest, or gift authorship, or author ghosted another or invited guest/gift author in a submitted manuscript (https://doi.org/10.24318/cope.2019.2.18)

Guidance for when institutions are contacted by journals

1. Journal reports potential breach of research/publication integrity was suspected before or after publication and requests assistance (see Box 1 below for examples)
2. Journal reports breach of research/publication integrity was confirmed before or after publication and may request follow-up (see Box 2 below for examples)

ASSES / INVESTIGATE CONCERNS RAISED:
FORWARD CONCLUSION OR OUTCOMES TO JOURNAL, AS APPROPRIATE.
IF POSSIBLE, INFORM JOURNAL AS SOON AS (FURTHER) BREACH IS CONFIRMED, TO EXPEDITE POST-PUBLICATION AMENDMENT

IF NEEDED, CHECK AND AMEND INTERNAL POLICIES/PROCEDURES AND RESEARCHER TRAINING PROGRAMME (eg, by including publication ethics in responsible conduct of research programme)

Institutions should clearly display on their website their first point of contact for research integrity queries, with full contact details (eg, research integrity officer, dean/vice-president for research)

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