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- Changes in authorship designation (such as adding authors, changing the printed order of the authors, removing an author) once the evaluation process has begun will not be accepted in order to protect all parties involved.

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##### General Duties

The editor is responsible for everything published in the journal. In the context of this responsibility, editors have the following duties and obligations:

- Endeavor to meet the needs of readers and authors;
- Maintain continuous development to improve the quality of the journal;
- Consistently work to ensure quality;
- Support freedom of thought;
- Ensure academic integrity;
- Prevent business needs from compromising intellectual and ethical standards;
- Demonstrate clarity and transparency with any necessary corrections or explanations.

#### Reader Relationship

The editor is to make publication decisions based on expectations of suitable and desirable material. Studies accepted for publication must be original contributions that benefit the reader, researcher, practitioner, and the literature. In addition, editors are obliged to take into account feedback from readers, researchers, and practitioners, and to provide an informative response. Readers will also be informed of any funding provided to support published research.

#### Author Relationship

- The decision to accept an article is to be based on the importance, original value, validity, and clarity of expression of the work, and the goals and objectives of the journal;
- Studies accepted for evaluation and publication will not be withdrawn unless serious problems are identified;
- The editor will not disregard positive reviewer comments unless there is a serious problem with the study;
- New editors will not change publishing decisions made by previous editor(s) unless there is a serious problem;
- A description of the submission and evaluation process is publicly available;
- Authors are provided with descriptive and informative feedback.

#### Reviewer Relationship

- Reviewers are to be selected according to the subject of the study;
- Information and guidance for the evaluation phase is provided;
- Any conflicts of interest between authors and reviewers will be disclosed and managed appropriately;
- Reviewer identity is to be kept confidential to preserve a blind review process;
- Reviewers are to evaluate the study using unbiased, scientific, and constructive comments. Unkind or unscientific commentary will not be permitted;
- Reviewers will be evaluated using criteria such as timely response and quality of observations;
- The pool of reviewers is to be assessed and supplemented regularly to ensure a broad scope of expertise.

#### Editorial Board Relationship

The editor works with the members of the editorial board to ensure that they are familiar with journal policies and developments in regular meetings and announcements, and will provide training for new members and assistance to board members during their tenure in their role as a supporter of the journal.

- Editorial board members must be qualified and able to contribute to the journal;
- Members of the editorial board must evaluate studies impartially and independently;
- Editorial board members with the appropriate expertise will be given the opportunity to evaluate suitable articles;
- The editor will maintain regular contact with the editorial board and hold regular meetings regarding the development of editorial policies and other aspects of journal management.

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### **Creativity and Openness**

- Constructive criticism is to be encouraged;
- Authors will be given the opportunity to reply to criticism;
- Negative results will not be a reason for submission denial.

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Political or commercial factors will not affect editorial decisions.

### **Conflicts of Interest**

The editor is required to ensure that any conflicts of interest between authors, reviewers, or other editors are disclosed and managed appropriately to provide an independent and impartial process.

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