

Awareness Communication: Upholding Publication Ethics

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To: All KFUPM Faculty, Researchers, and Students

cc: KFUPM President, Vice President for Research and Innovation, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Deans, Department Chairmen, Center Directors

The Deanship of Research would like to raise awareness regarding responsible research and publication practices that can help minimize the risk of article retractions and safeguard the quality, reliability, and integrity of the academic record.

Members of the KFUPM research community are encouraged to exercise appropriate care throughout the research and publication process. Recent retraction cases across academic publishing highlight the importance of ensuring the reliability of research data, originality of published work, appropriate authorship, and adherence to established publication ethics.

Researchers are particularly encouraged to be attentive to the following:

- **Data and Figure Integrity:** Ensure that research data, figures, images, and results are accurate, authentic, traceable, and appropriately documented. Figures or images should not be inappropriately duplicated, reused, manipulated, or presented as representing different experiments or samples.
- **Originality and Redundant Publication:** Ensure that manuscripts represent original work and do not substantially overlap with previously published work. The same or substantially similar manuscript should not be submitted to multiple journals simultaneously.
- **Authorship Integrity:** Ensure that authorship accurately reflects scholarly contributions and that all authors are aware of and approve the manuscript submission. Any addition, removal, or change in authorship during the publication process should follow the journal's requirements and receive the necessary approvals.
- **Editorial and Peer-Review Integrity:** Avoid any practice that may compromise or improperly influence the editorial handling or peer-review process.
- **Appropriate References and Journal Scope:** Ensure that references are relevant and appropriate to the research and that manuscripts are submitted to journals or special issues that appropriately match the scope of the work.
- **Verification and Record Keeping:** Carefully review the manuscript, underlying data, figures, references, authorship information, and conclusions before submission, and maintain appropriate original research records and supporting documentation.

All authors should remain accountable for their respective contributions and cooperate promptly and transparently with legitimate inquiries from journals, publishers, or the University concerning published or submitted research.

The University highly appreciates the research efforts and contributions of its faculty and researchers and anticipates the cooperation of all concerned in maintaining the highest standards of research quality, ethics, and integrity. Thank you.

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