

Publication Ethics and Malpractice Statement of JAPS

The following ethic and malpractice statements of the Journal of Applied Probability and Statistics (JAPS) are based on COPE's Best Practice Guidelines for Journal Editors. Any (authors, chief editor, members on editorial board, reviewers and publisher) involved in the publishing process is required to comply with the set code of conduct. The publication of an article in JAPS is subject to formal peer review by one of the editors and at least two independent reviewers who are experts in the field.

General Procedure

Decision Process

The chief editor is responsible for deciding whether an article submitted to JAPS should be published or not. The editor may be guided by the policies of the journal, recommendation of the editorial board and constrained by such legal requirements as shall then be in force regarding libel, copyright infringement and plagiarism.

Confidentiality

The editor and any editorial staff must not disclose any information about a submitted manuscript to anyone other than the corresponding author, reviewers, potential reviewers, other editorial advisers, and the publisher, as appropriate.

Disclosure and conflicts of interest

Unpublished materials disclosed in a submitted manuscript must not be used in an editor's own research without the express written consent of the author.

Fairness

An editor at any time evaluate manuscripts for their intellectual content without regard to race, gender, sexual orientation, religious belief, ethnic origin, citizenship, or political philosophy of the authors.

Duties of Reviewers

Peer Review

The peer review reports would guide the editorial team in making decisions and may assist the authors in improving the quality of paper.

Promptness

Once agreed, the referee would try to submit the review report on the manuscript within the set timeframe. In case of any adverse circumstances the referee should notify the editor and suggest any alternatives.

Confidentiality

The reviewers must maintain confidentiality of every manuscript, and may not be shown to or discussed with others except as authorized by the editor.

Citation of Sources

Reviewers should identify relevant published works cited by the authors. Any statement that an observation, derivation, or argument had been previously reported should be accompanied by the relevant citation. A reviewer should also call to the editor's attention any substantial similarity or overlap between the manuscript under consideration and any other published paper of which they have personal knowledge.

Conflict of Interest

Privileged information or ideas obtained through peer review must be kept confidential and not used for personal advantage. Reviewers should not consider manuscripts in which they have conflicts of interest resulting from competitive, collaborative, or other relationships or connections with any of the authors, companies, or institutions connected to the papers.

Duties of Authors

Reporting standards

Authors who submit original research articles in JAPS should present an accurate account of the work performed as well as an objective discussion of its significance. Underlying data should be represented accurately in the paper. A paper should contain sufficient detail and references to permit others to replicate the work. Fraudulent or knowingly inaccurate statements constitute unethical behaviour and are unacceptable.

Data Access and Retention

Authors should provide the raw data used in the paper for editorial review, and should be prepared to provide public access to such data (consistent with the ALPSP-STM Statement on Data and Databases), if practicable, and should in any event be prepared to retain such data for a reasonable time after publication.

Originality

The authors must ensure that the paper is written based on original research works, and appropriately quote or cite work of other authors. No author should publish manuscripts describing essentially the same research in more than one journal or papers, or submit the same manuscript to more than one journal concurrently.

Role of Authors

Authorship should be limited to those who have made a significant contribution to the conception, design, execution, or interpretation of the reported study. All those who have made significant contributions should be listed as co-authors. Where there are others who have participated in certain substantive aspects of the research project, they should be acknowledged or listed as contributors.

The corresponding author should ensure that all appropriate co-authors and no inappropriate co-authors are included on the paper, and that all co-authors have seen and approved the final version of the paper and have agreed to its submission for publication.

Hazards and Human or Animal Subjects

If the work involves chemicals, procedures or equipment that have any unusual hazards inherent in their use, the author must clearly identify these in the manuscript.

Acknowledgements

All authors should acknowledge in their manuscript any financial or other substantive conflict of interest that might be construed to influence the results or interpretation of their manuscript. All sources of financial support for the project should be disclosed. Any significant assistance at any stage of the research from colleagues who are not co-authors should be acknowledged.

Errors in published works

Authors are solely responsible for any errors in the published paper. When any author discovers a significant error or inaccuracy in his/her own published work, it is the author's obligation to promptly notify the journal editor or publisher and cooperate with the editor to retract or correct the paper.

Copyright

Every author of any accepted paper must sign the copyright form provided by the publisher prior to the publication of the paper.