

# **COPE Ethical Publishing Guidelines**

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At Chhavi National Journal of Higher Education, we fully comply with COPE standards to ensure integrity, transparency, and accountability in academic publishing. These ethical practices apply to authors, reviewers, and editorial members.

### **1. Authorship Ethics:**

- All listed authors must have contributed significantly to the research.
- All authors must agree on the content of the article before submission.
- Ghost authorship and guest authorship are strictly prohibited.

### **2. Plagiarism:**

- Plagiarism, including self-plagiarism, is unethical and unacceptable.
- All manuscripts undergo plagiarism screening before acceptance.

### **3. Data Fabrication and Falsification:**

- Any form of data manipulation, falsification, or fabrication is considered misconduct.
- Authors must ensure data integrity and transparency.

### **4. Conflict of Interest:**

- All stakeholders must declare any financial or non-financial conflict of interest.
- Editorial decisions must remain impartial.

### **5. Peer Review Process:**

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- Our journal follows a double-blind peer review model.
- Reviewers must maintain confidentiality and objectivity.
- Authors and reviewers must not communicate directly.

### **6. Ethical Approval:**

- For research involving human or animal subjects, proper ethical approval must be obtained.
- Informed consent from human subjects is mandatory.

### **7. Corrections, Retractions, and Expressions of Concern:**

- The journal reserves the right to correct, retract, or issue an expression of concern for published articles with errors or ethical violations.

### **8. Duplicate Submission and Redundant Publication:**

- Submitting the same article to multiple journals simultaneously is unethical.
- Redundant or overlapping publications must be disclosed.

### **9. Editorial Independence and Integrity:**

- Editors must ensure fairness and transparency in decision-making.
- Editorial responsibilities should not be influenced by advertisers or sponsors.

### **10. Handling of Misconduct:**

- Suspected cases of misconduct will be investigated seriously and handled according to COPE flowcharts.

For detailed core practices and flowcharts, visit the official COPE website:

<https://publicationethics.org/core-practices>