CASE REPORT, AUTHOR, REVIEWER, EDITOR, PUBLISHER PROBLEM IN PUBLICATION AND RETRACTION

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ABSTRACT

In this editorial, the situation of unethical publication is discussed. Similar to any kinds of publication, the unethical practice might be seen in published care report. The problem might be due to author, reviewer, editor or publisher. The proper management of the problematic publication is necessary. The retraction is the standard management of such problem.

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The ethical standards are very important for scientific society. The publication ethics are important codes of conduct. To publish a case report, there must be good publication practice following publication standards and ethics. In fact, there are several lessons learnt from already published case reports that the problems are later identified. The violation of codes of conduct might be observable in several forms such as plagiarism, falsification and fabrication. Although journal generally implements the means to counteract those mentioned problems, the problems are sporadically seen and reported. At present, there are many more complex cases of misconduct in publication. For example, the plagiarism by using the other name as a third party plagiarism is also reported and is considered a criminal attempt.\textsuperscript{1} The misconduct has to be well managed if it is identified. The problematic published case report should be retracted from the journal and there should be an accompanied retraction note. The notification of the unethical practice to the author and author’s affiliation is generally done. Sometimes, the sanction for any further publication by the author might be implemented.

The unethical practice might occur in any steps of the publication cycle. Author, reviewer, editor as well as publisher can contribute to the problems. Basically, unethical author might perform unethical violation of the code of conduct such as plagiarism or self-plagiarism. The use of fake peer review in reviewing process is also observable and reported.\textsuperscript{2} this specific problem is usually due to the use of suggested reviewer listed by the submitting author during submission process. A fake peer reviewing is a challenge to the present standard process which is necessary for to assure the scientific process in
manuscript reviewing of any standard scientific journal. How to find a good peer review is important but some journals fail for this process. In some rare case, an unethical might peer reviewer might be seen. Some unethical peer reviews steal the ideas appearing in the assigned submitted article whereas the others give unacceptable comments on the works due to the conflict of interest. The same situations are observable in editing step. Unethical editor exists. Some editors have conflict of interest, bias and unethical practice. How to set a mean to control the quality of editor is an interesting question. This might be the role of the readers of the journal. Sometimes, a more complex situation is resulted from an unethical publisher. The cheating predatory online publishers usually violate the code of conduct. Although the unethical practice is overtly identify, the bad publisher might not retract the problematic article and let the article to be appeared in the journal in online version. Ethical issues regarding all steps of publication have already become an interesting new issue to be addressed.3

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