

Publication Ethics Statement

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Editor Responsibilities

- research articles published in MHB have undergone peer review, based on initial editor review and anonymized refereeing by at least two anonymous referees.
- the editor is responsible for deciding which of the articles submitted to the journal should be published. He is guided by the internal policies of the journal's editorial board and by actual legal requirements.
- the editor evaluates manuscripts for their intellectual content without regard to gender, race, sexual orientation, religious belief, ethnic origin or political conviction of the author/authors.
- the editor must not disclose any information about a submitted manuscript to anyone other than author, reviewers, potential reviewers, members of the editorial board and responsible employees of the publisher.
- the editor must not use an unpublished manuscript in own research without the explicit written consent of the author(s).
- the editor will be guided by COPE's Guidelines for Retracting Articles when considering retracting and issuing corrections pertaining to articles that have been published in MHB.

Reviewer Responsibilities

- reviewers assist the editor in making editorial decisions and may also assist in improving the manuscript.
- reviewer who feels unqualified to review the manuscript should notify the editor, whereby they will be excluded from the peer-review process.
- any manuscripts received for review must be treated as confidential documents. They must not be shown to or discussed with others except persons authorized by the editor.
- reviews must be elaborated objectively. Subjective evaluation is inappropriate and reviewers should support their views with arguments.
- reviewers should call to the editor's attention any relevant published work that has not been cited by the author(s). Reviewers should also call to the editor's attention

any substantial similarity or overlap between the manuscript under consideration and any other published works of which they have personal knowledge.

- All information or ideas obtained through peer review must be kept confidential and not used for personal advantage. Reviewers should not consider evaluating manuscripts in which they have any conflicts of interest.

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