
Ethics Guidelines for Publication in KJCS

Article 1 (Purpose)

The purpose of the present Guidelines is to establish standards and general principles for members, editors and reviewers of Korean Journal of Crop Science (KJCS) to follow in their research and publications, and to outline ground rules on formation and operation of an ethics committee to investigate any research misconduct allegations.

Article 2 (Research Ethics)

The present Guidelines are intended to raise awareness of honest, truthful and proper research activities essential to drawing credible scientific results, and to provide regulations that would help prevent any misconduct, thereby sustaining research and publication ethics of our society.

Article 3 (Definition of Research Misconduct)

Research misconduct refers to unethical activities including, but not limited to fraud, falsification, plagiarism and false attribution of authorship as follows:

- (1) "Fraud" refers to fabricating data or results.
- (2) "Falsification" refers to distorting the contents and results of a study by manipulating materials, equipment and procedures, and by altering or removing any part of data.
- (3) "Plagiarism" refers to taking materials from another's work such as, but not limited to, ideas, contents and results without proper citation or permission.
- (4) "False attribution of authorship" refers to failure to name as official authors those who have made scientific and technical contributions for research contents or results, or to naming those who have not made such contributions as authors out of gratitude or respect.
- (5) Any activity that interferes with investigation

into any misconduct allegation or that harms its the complainant in any way.

- (6) Any activity that breaches protocols of scientific and technological research domain.

Article 4 (Authors)

An author shall be recognized only for the research and work that s/he has conducted and is responsible for its content. Authorship should adequately reflect the degree of contribution made by individual authors.

Article 5 (Redundant Publications)

An author should not submit or attempt to submit a manuscript which has already been published, be it domestic or overseas, as a fresh study.

Article 6 (Citations and Listings of Literature)

Any research contents from published work should be accurately described and cited, if not common knowledge. Any contents acquired through research plans review or through personal contacts can be cited only with permission of the party that provided such contents.

Article 7 (Corrections of the Manuscript)

An author should reflect in their manuscript the feedback provided by editors and reviewers, and provide the editor with reasons in case of any disagreement.

Article 8 (Independence of Authors)

An editor is responsible for decisions to either accept or reject a submitted manuscript for publication, and s/he should respect the intellectual independence of authors as researchers. A reviewer should respect the independence of authors as professionals. S/he should provide feedback and also explain and support their judgments appropriately where applicable.

Article 9 (Handling of Manuscripts-Equality)

An editor should give unbiased consideration to all manuscripts submitted to KJCS for publication, by judging each manuscript on its merits only and based on guidelines of KJCS, not on personal relations, not to mention gender, age, or institutional affiliation of the author(s).

Article 10 (Review and Feedback)

An editor should select reviewers who are able to provide feedback on submitted manuscripts based on their expertise and fair judgment. A reviewer should evaluate manuscripts based on objectivity and fairness, not on personal beliefs or relations.

Article 11 (Speedy Review)

A reviewer should provide a report on an assigned manuscript to an editor in time. A reviewer who feels inadequately qualified to judge the content of the manuscript should return it promptly to the editor, without undue delay.

Article 12 (Confidentiality)

Editors and reviewers must ensure the confidentiality of the manuscript under consideration. They must not show the manuscript to or discuss its content with others unless under exceptional circumstances where it is essential to consult them for the purpose of its review.

Article 13 (Dealing with Misconduct)

If a member is made aware of any misconduct of other members of KJCS, they must report to the president, and an Ethics Committee (hereinafter “the Committee”) will be formed for its investigation.

Article 14 (Formation of the Committee)

① One of the vice-presidents will be named Chair of the Committee by the president of KJCS. The Editor in Chief will be official Vice-Chair of the Committee and can name up to 10 board members.

② Members of the Committee are appointed by the Editor in Chief among those considered experts in the area of interest. The term of appointment is one year and renewable.

Article 15 (Responsibilities of the Committee)

The Committee should conduct a thorough investigation on any misconduct allegation based on evidence provided by and collected through the complainant, the examinee, witnesses, and/or reference witnesses. If the allegations are found to be true, the Committee can advise the President with an appropriate course of disciplinary action.

Article 16 (Investigation and Assessment of the Allegation)

The Respondent to the misconduct allegation must assist with the investigation by the Committee and is entitled for ample opportunity to defend her/himself.

Article 17 (Procedures of Disciplinary Action)

If recommended with a course of disciplinary action, the President can summon the board of directors to make the final decision. If an ethical misconduct is determined to have occurred, the President can penalize the respondent by discarding the manuscript, suspending or discontinuing their membership of KJCS and can also make the action public.

Article 18 (Others)

Any issue not addressed in the present guidelines will be dealt based on the relevant law and the social norm.

Supplementary Provisions

Article 19 (Enforcement of the Guidelines)

The present Guidelines will be of effect as of the day of approval by the Board of Directors.

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