

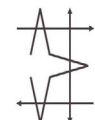


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Neutrosophic Sets and Systems

Publication Ethics and Malpractice Statement



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Manuscripts submitted for publication in this journal undergo a rigorous double-blinded review process, involving evaluation by at least two independent reviewers. The final decision regarding acceptance for publication is made by the journal's editor or by the editorial board in cases where consultation with the board is necessary.

Each manuscript submitted to this journal must adhere to proper formatting guidelines and include a comprehensive list of references to cited articles.

Readers will be provided with information regarding the financial support received for the research and the role of funders in the study.

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While they operate within the framework of the journal's editorial policies, they must also comply with legal obligations concerning matters like libel, copyright infringement, and plagiarism.

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Authors should refrain from submitting manuscripts describing substantially similar research to more than one journal.

Simultaneous submission to multiple journals constitutes unethical publishing behavior and is not permissible.

Acknowledgement of Sources

Authors must appropriately acknowledge the contributions of others and cite publications that have impacted their work.

Using AI and AI-assisted tools

In their manuscript, authors are required to openly acknowledge the use of AI and AI-assisted tools during the writing process to enhance readability and linguistic quality, along with any AI tools utilized for data analysis and insight generation in their research.

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Authorship should be limited to individuals who have made substantial contributions to the conception, design, execution, or interpretation of the study.

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The corresponding author bears the responsibility of ensuring the inclusion of relevant co-authors and the exclusion of irrelevant ones.

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Financial Support

Authors must also disclose all sources of financial support for the project.

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Contribution to Editorial Decisions

Peer review aids the editors in making editorial decisions and may also assist authors in improving their papers through editorial communications.

Expertise

When invited to review, peer reviewers should only accept manuscripts within their subject expertise and commit to timely assessments.

Promptness

Reviewers who feel unqualified to evaluate a manuscript or anticipate delays in reviewing should inform the editor and decline the assignment.

Objectivity

Reviews should be conducted objectively, avoiding personal criticism of the author. Reviewers should present their views clearly with supporting arguments.

Acknowledgment of Sources

Reviewers should identify relevant unpublished work and ensure appropriate citations. Any prior reports of observations, derivations, or arguments should be referenced. Reviewers should also alert the editor to any significant similarities between the manuscript under review and other published papers they are aware of.

Conflict of Interest

Reviewers should not assess manuscripts in which they have conflicts of interest resulting from competitive, collaborative, or other connections with the authors, institutions, or funders associated with the paper.

Confidentiality

Manuscripts provided for review must be treated as confidential and not shared or discussed with unauthorized individuals.

Ethical Guidelines for Peer Reviewers

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Publishing Ethics Concerns

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They are tasked with ensuring that commercial interests do not undermine the intellectual and ethical standards of published content.

Additionally, the Editorial Board should promptly issue corrections, clarifications, retractions, and apologies when required, while strictly prohibiting plagiarism or the use of fraudulent data.

Identification of Unethical Behavior

Should any unethical behavior, errors, or omissions be observed during the review process, individuals are encouraged to report them to the editor or publisher responsible for addressing the issue.

Should suspicions of unethical behavior arise, the following protocol should be followed:

- Any misconduct or unethical behavior can be reported to the editor and publisher by anyone at any time.
- Misconduct and unethical behavior encompass various actions, as outlined previously.
- Those reporting misconduct should provide sufficient information and evidence to initiate an investigation.
- All allegations should be treated seriously until a resolution is reached.

Investigation

The editor should initially make a decision, possibly consulting with the Editorial Board or the publisher if necessary.

Evidence should be gathered discreetly to avoid spreading allegations unnecessarily.

Possible outcomes of the investigation, determined by the editor's decision, include:

- Informing or educating the author or reviewer if there is a misunderstanding of acceptable standards.
- Issuing a warning to the author or reviewer about their misconduct.
- Publishing a formal notice or editorial detailing the misconduct on the journal's website.
- Sending a formal letter to the author's or reviewer's department or funding agency.
- Formally retracting or withdrawing a publication, along with informing relevant parties.
- Imposing a formal embargo on contributions from an individual.
- Reporting the case and outcome to a professional organization or higher authority for further action.

Minor Breaches

Minor misconduct may be addressed without widespread consultation. However, the accused author should be given an opportunity to respond to any allegations.

Serious Breaches

Serious misconduct may require notification of the accused individual's employers. The editor, in consultation with the Editorial Board or the publisher, should decide whether to involve employers based on available evidence or consultation with experts.

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