

## Editorial

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The Increasing emphasis on the importance of ethics in scientific publication is obvious and it has led us to allocate this editorial to one example of ethical dilemmas that have challenged our editors.

Cat Ferguson et.al present a new case in publication ethics in Nature [1], here we are reporting another case to highlight the complexities and importance of ethical issues that face our editors.

A manuscript was accepted for publication after three round of review and after being shown in first on line, first author sent the following email to the editor: (figure 1)

*"I am writing this email to express my concern regarding the publication of the following paper in your journal that has my name as the first author while I was totally unaware of this:*

*Bahraseman, H. G., Hassani, K., Navidbakhsh, M., Karimi, A., & Tavakoli Golpaygani, A. (2014). Estimation of Maximum Pressure in the Left Ventricle and Aortic Pressure during Exercise Using Fluid-Structure Interaction.*

*I am so worried beccause of its exact similarity to our other paper that was published before:"Khosravi, A., Bahraseman, H. G., Saleh, A. V., & Kazemi-Saleh, D. (2014). Initial Insight to Effect of Exercise on Maximum Pressure in the LeftVentricle Using 2D Fluid-Structure Interaction Model. Annual Review & Research in Biology, 4(18).". It looks like Dr. Hassani has published this paper (in your journal) without my consent for his own promotion - please see the forwarded email below.*

*I also do not know the two other authors, Karimi A, and Tavakoli Golpaygani A., included in the paper published by JBPE.*

*I am really concerned about the legality and plagiarism law that we may face in the future that can hurt the reputation and professional goals of your prestigious journal and all the authors names including myself."*

*As this is seen in the below corresponding with Dr Hassani (He responded in Farsi using English letters) , I was not aware of this publication under my name by 11/21/2014.*

*Dr Hassani (corresponding of this paper published by you) submitted that and included my name without letting me know."*

**Figure 1:** The email from [hghasemib42@students.tntech.edu](mailto:hghasemib42@students.tntech.edu) to [editor@jbpe.org](mailto:editor@jbpe.org)

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Some author often face pressures from their institute to publish articles to enrich their curriculum vitae or for graduation. These pressures lead them to a compromise in ethical standards in publication. Unfortunately, the desire to degree achievement by factious scientific data is growing and these is no formal regulatory program available to monitor the research projects in some scientific instiute. [see Hasani's reply to Bahraseman concern presented in his email] (figure 2)

*"This manuscript that is publishing now has been submitted long time ago in a national journal. I have done this because I needed an ISC indexed article for academic promotion. Take it easy because it is not an important journal and will not make any trouble for you."*

**Figure 2:** The email from [k.hasani@srbiau.ac.ir](mailto:k.hasani@srbiau.ac.ir) to [hghasemib42@students.tntech.edu](mailto:hghasemib42@students.tntech.edu)

Thanks to having first online section in JBPE, we formally retracted the paper before assigning any specific issue and page numbers to this paper. We also add all authors of the manuscript to journal's blacklist and we will present the case to COPE after final investigations.

This case and similar cases show the necessity to establish and working hard in regulatory system at national and international level to ensure that the ethical standards being archived. I ask all medical journalists for discussing, and contributing to find effective way to prevent such events. In this regards, I want to highlight great effort by Dr. B. Astaneh (Council Member, Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE)) who is hosting the the Second International Congress on Publication Ethics in Scientific Partnership with COPE in Shiraz–Iran (4-5 December 2014). [3]

Finally I want to express my appreciation to H. G. Bahraseman for his notification that helped us to prevent a duplicate publication.

## Conflict of Interest

None

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