MAY AUTHORS’ PUBLISHED ARTICLES LAST FOREVER!

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Retractions of published papers have been steadily increasing over the last decades. Stavale et al. reviewed medical and life sciences articles that belonged to authors affiliated with Brazilian academic institutions and had been retracted since 2004 [1]. The systematic review revealed that the largest number of retractions was from the field of medical science [1].

There are several reasons for retractions such as plagiarism, unreliable data/results, and data fabrication/falsification [2]. Wadgave and Khainar evaluated the retracted publications in dentistry [3]. Redundant publication appeared as the most common reason for retractions. Plagiarism (text, image and/or data plagiarism) and data manipulation/error (fabrication, falsification, image manipulation and/or error in experiment/miscalculation) were the second and third most common causes of retracted publications, respectively. Other reasons included authorship disagreements, ethical violations, copyright issues, conflict of interest and unknown causes. The median time from publication to retraction was 17 months. Of the retracted items, 70.6% were original articles [3].

There are some specific factors associated with rejections, as well. Most recently, the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic has had a major impact on science editing and publishing [4]. The massive quantity of research and increased submission rate have inevitably led to an acceleration in the review process [5]. The growing number of publications has also brought about another threat to quality publishing: plagiarism [4]. These factors, along with data concerns, duplications, journal-related errors and the lack of approval from third parties have emerged as the contributors to the increased retraction rates in the era of the COVID-19 pandemic [5].

Ensuring research integrity is essential to tackle research misconduct and related retraction issues. Adapting measures for research integrity is a certain way to achieve quality publishing [1].

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