



Policy Template for Journals & Publishers

[insert journal/publisher name] is a member of COPE and follows [COPE guidelines](#) for publication ethics. In the context of data publication, [insert journal/publisher name] follows community best practices on data publishing ethics and aligns with the recommendations and workflows published by the [FORCE11 & COPE Research Data Publishing Ethics Working Group](#).

Puebla, Iratxe, Lowenberg, Daniella, & FORCE11 Research Data Publishing Ethics WG. (2021). Joint FORCE11 & COPE Research Data Publishing Ethics Working Group Recommendations. Zenodo. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.5391293>

[insert journal/publisher name] will follow up on any ethical concerns about the data associated with a submitted manuscript or a published article. [insert journal/publisher name] will follow due process in accordance with COPE guidelines and the FORCE11 & COPE Working Group recommendations to inform whether any actions may be required about a dataset or an article.

[insert journal/publisher name] will publish a Correction, an Expression of Concern or retract publications as required to address identified ethical concerns about the data associated with a published article. [insert journal/publisher name] reserves the right to remove or disable access or links to a published dataset and/or associated content in order to address a legal or ethical concern, a publication ethics issue, or a breach in journal policy. Per the [insert journal/publisher name] discretion, we may also remove access to published data and/or linked articles while such concerns are under investigation.

In the context of any data publishing concerns, [insert journal/publisher name] may contact other parties that host content associated with the dataset (e.g. a data repository) and may contact the institution(s) of relevant authors if required.

[insert journal/publisher name] follows legal framework and obligations in [insert country and/or state that the journal/publisher is based in] and may have a legal obligation to inform the

authorities in its own jurisdiction if a legal breach is identified in relation to the content in a submission or a publication in the journal.

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