Instructions for Authors
INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF ORAL BIOLOGY

Aims and Scope

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Summarize the rationale and purpose of investigation and a brief survey of the existing literature on the subject. Do not use subheadings.

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Present the data without interpretation or subjective comments.

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Explain and interpret the data, especially as it relates to previous investigations. Present the highlights and limitations of this current investigation. State the conclusions and how they are supported by the data.

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Ethics

Article 1 (Purpose)

The Regulations of Research Ethics are aimed to set forth the regulations in research ethics that the researchers should abide by and to prevent any possible violations of academic integrity in the review and publication process of the International Journal of Oral Biology (IJOB) published by the Korean Academy of Oral Biology.

Article 2 (Applicability)

The Regulations of Research Ethics apply to authors of IJOB and all individuals directly or indirectly related in the publication process of the IJOB.

Article 3 (Regulations)

1. The researcher shall in no way engage in research misconducts that are stated in the following Article 4. If a researcher is reported for violation of the regulations, he/she should cooperate with the investigation conducted by the Ethics Committee. In the case of non-cooperation, the behavior itself will be regarded as the violation of the Regulations.
2. The Editorial Board should request the review of submitted manuscripts to the referees who could fairly and accurately review the contents of the manuscripts.
3. The Editorial Board should not disclose the author, his/her institutional affiliation, and the contents of the manuscript until the decision of publication has been made and notified to the author of it.
4. The referees should impartially evaluate the manuscript requested for review by the Editorial Board based on the expertise in the relevant field and the submission guidelines of the Academy and notify the editor-in-chief of the evaluation results.
5. The referees should not disclose the information on manuscript requested for review. Also, he/she should not use the manuscript as a reference without the author's consent prior to publication.

Article 4 (The Scope of the Research Misconduct)

1. Forgery: Refers to the act of inventing non-existent data or findings.
2. Falsification: Refers to the act of distorting research contents or outcomes by altering, and tampering with the apparatus, procedure, and material of research, or deleting or adding the data willfully.
3. Plagiarism: Refers to the act of representing others’ work as one’s own without proper acknowledgement of the sources. Included are the cases of self-plagiarism of using identical ideas or data from previous publications.
4. Improper inclusion or exclusion of authors: Refers to not qualifying, without reasonable reason, a person who has contributed to the research contents or the results in scientific or technical terms for authorship, or to qualifying a person who has not contributed to them in scientific or technical terms for authorship.
5. Dual publications: Refers to publishing identical research contents in different academic journals twice or more.
6. Other behaviors that seriously deviate from the generally accepted norm in academic research.

Article 5 (Organization of Ethics Committee)

1. The Ethics Committee shall be comprised of the previous editor-in-chief as the chairperson of the Committee and the previous deputy editors-in-chief as its members.
2. If necessary, it is possible to temporarily appoint an individual, who assumes a higher status than the position of “associate professor” or equivalent in the relevant field, as a member of the Committee beside the editors.
Article 6 (Investigation Procedures and Measures)

1. The Ethics Committee shall report to the Editorial Board and begin the investigation on the relevant case when there is a case where the behavior of an individual reported for violations of the Regulations (hereafter, “the examinee”) is considered as research misconduct.

2. The Committee should give “the examinee” sufficient opportunity to defend oneself prior to making any decisions.

3. When “the informant” has made an intentional or significant mistake neglecting the fact and testimonies that stand against his/her statement and reported falsely, the Committee could recommend disciplinary measures against “the informant.”

4. The investigation results on the resources such as the proof of his/her research misconduct and the materials provided by “the examinee” alleged for research misconduct to defend oneself shall be reported to the Editorial Board.

5. The members of the Ethics Committee shall not disclose the identity of “the informan t and “the examinee” and should take caution so that “the examinee’s” dignity and rights are not unjustly violated until the investigation of the Committee has completed and makes the final judgment on disciplinary measures.

6. Based on the investigation by the Ethics Committee, the Board of Directors shall decide whether to take further action or dismiss the case and the type of disciplinary measures. The following are further measures that the Board could take after the conclusion has been made:
   (6.1) To notify “the examinee” and his/her institution of the Academy's final conclusion of the investigation and request appropriate measures for correction;
   (6.2) To announce the final conclusion of the investigation in the subsequent issue of IJOB;
   (6.3) To demand cancellation or modification for the article concerned;
   (6.4) To notify the funding institutions of the research misconduct and the disciplinary measures;
   (6.5) To temporarily suspend or deny the membership of the Academy for a given period;
   (6.6) To prohibit contributing an article to IJOB for a specified period;
   (6.7) To report to the legal authorities;
   (6.8) Other measures judged to be necessary by the Academy.

7. Should “the examinee” or “the informant” wish to appeal against the judgment made, he/she may request re-investigation within 30 days of notice by submitting a statement indicating the reason for an appeal.

8. The relevant records of the investigation in the research misconduct shall be kept for five years after the termination of the investigation.

9. The amendment procedures for the Regulations of Research Ethics follow the amendment procedures of the IJOB Editorial Board regulations. In the case of an amendment, the members of IJOB will be considered complying with the new regulations without any additional procedures for acceptance.

Article 7 (Rules for Operation)

The issues not dealt with in this Regulation will be decided by the Academy’s Board of Directors with reference to the Research and Publication Ethics Manual provided by the Korean Council of Science Editors.