

Editorial Policy

Areas and fields of publication

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Assessment of the work (principles of reviewing the publication)

The submitted article undergoes a formal assessment process and post initial assessment it is submitted for conceptual assessment (review) which takes up to 6 weeks. During the selection of a reviewer there cannot be the conflict of interests which is understood as relations occurring between the reviewer and the author:

- a) direct personal relations (blood relation, legal relationships, conflict),
- b) relation of work subordination,
- c) direct scientific cooperation within previous two years proceeding the preparation of a review.

The author may indicate the name of potential reviewer, however, the Editorial Office reserves the right to make a decision regarding such selection. The review has a written form (review form is available on the journal's website) and ends with a clear conclusion as to the approval for the article to be published, possibility of its correction or rejection. Correction or proofreading the text in Polish should be performed immediately and no longer than within 1 week. Subsequently the editorial office decides about further fate of the given work. The work may be directed for translation or rejection. The condition for directing the work for print is payment of the cost of translation and of potential language verification as well as provision of information about this fact to the editorial office.

Decision of the Editorial Office is final. The Editorial Office does not return the manuscripts.

Names of reviewers of individual publications/issues are not disclosed; once a year the journal publically announces the list of cooperating reviewers.

Explanation regarding "ghost writing"

Reliability in science constitutes one of its quality foundations. The readers ought to be sure that the authors of publications in a clear, reliable and fair way present the results of their own work, regardless of whether they are their main authors or whether they availed of the assistance of specialized entity (physical person or legal person).

A proof of ethical attitude of a scientific worker as well as highest editing standards ought to be the transparency of information regarding entities which contributed to the creation of a given publication (conceptual input, in-kind or financial contribution etc.) which is solely a manifestation of good practices and of social responsibility.

Opposite examples are „ghost writing” and „guest authorship”.

In case of "ghost writing" we deal with a situation where someone has made a significant input into creation of a publication without disclosing his or her input as one of its authors or without indicating his or her role in credits and acknowledgements placed within the publication.

In case of „guest authorship” („honorary authorship”) we deal with a situation when author's input is insignificant or is none whatsoever even though he is named as the author/co-author of a given publication.

In order to counteract „ghost writing”, „guest authorship” the editorial office of the journal takes steps to introduce appropriate procedures specific for the represented area or scientific discipline or implement the below noted solutions:

1 The Editorial Office requires from the authors of publications a disclosure of input of individual authors in the creation of a given publication (with an indication of their affiliation and contribution, that is information who the author of the concept, the assumptions, the method, the protocol etc. used while elaborating the publication was), whilst the main responsibility is borne by the author who submits the manuscript.

2 The Editorial Office informs within "Guidelines for authors" that „ghost writing”, „guest authorship” are a manifestation of scientific unreliability and all the detected cases will be revealed, including notification of appropriate entities (institutions employing the authors, scientific societies, scientific editors societies etc.)

3 The Editorial Office ought to obtain information regarding the sources of financing of the publication, input of scientific-research institutes, societies and other entities („financial disclosure”).

4 The Editorial Office introduces the principle of documenting all cases of scientific unreliability, especially in case of breaching and not complying with the principles of ethic which are in place in the scientific world.

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