



POLICY DOCUMENT

WAH ACADEMIA – JOURNAL OF GLOBAL RELIGIONS

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Policy Document of Wah Academia – Journal of Global Religions

About the Journal

The **Wah Academia Journal of Global Religions (WAJGR)** is a peer-reviewed, open-access academic journal committed to advancing critical scholarship and interdisciplinary dialogue in the study of world religions. Published quarterly by Wah Academia, the journal provides a platform for original research, comparative analyses, and theoretical insights that explore the diversity, complexity, and evolving role of religions across cultures and civilizations.

WAJGR welcomes contributions from scholars, researchers, and practitioners engaged in the academic study of religion, theology, philosophy, ethics, anthropology, sociology, and interfaith relations. We encourage submissions that bridge traditional religious scholarship with contemporary issues, such as globalization, social justice, environmental ethics, gender, migration, digital spirituality, and inter-religious engagement.

Aims and Scope

The journal aims to:

- Promote a deeper understanding of global religious traditions and their socio-cultural impact.
- Foster scholarly dialogue across disciplines and geographic boundaries.
- Highlight emerging trends and underrepresented perspectives in religious studies.
- Support ethical research that respects religious diversity and cultural sensitivity.

Topics of interest include but are not limited to:

- Comparative theology and inter-religious dialogue
- Religion and politics, law, or public life
- Sacred texts and interpretive traditions
- Ritual, worship, and spiritual practice
- Religion and modernity, secularism, and post-secular thought
- Indigenous and minority religions
- Religion in art, media, and literature
- Religion and science, technology, or AI

Global Perspective, Local Insight

WAJGR is committed to representing both global perspectives and local voices. We particularly encourage submissions that highlight religious dynamics in underrepresented regions, foster cross-cultural understanding, and engage with contemporary global challenges through a religious lens.

Publishing Ethics

We uphold the highest standards of publication ethics in accordance with the **COPE (Committee on Publication Ethics)** guidelines. All manuscripts undergo a rigorous **double-blind peer review** process and are assessed for originality, academic merit, and relevance to the journal's scope.

Open Access and Licensing

WAJGR is an **open-access journal** committed to the free exchange of knowledge. All articles are published under a [Creative Commons License - CC BY].

Publication Frequency

The journal is published **quarterly** in:

- **March**
- **June**
- **September**
- **December**

Indexing and Abstracting

WAJGR is actively pursuing inclusion in **Scopus, DOAJ, EBSCO**, and other leading indexing services. Our goal is to ensure that high-quality religious scholarship is accessible to a global academic audience.

Publisher of WAJGR

The journal is published by **Wah Academia (SMC-PVT) Ltd.**, a registered academic publishing organization committed to **open access scholarly publishing** and the advancement of global research. Wah Academia publishes **peer-reviewed journals across multiple disciplines**, upholding **high editorial standards, transparency, and ethical publishing practices**. With a strong vision for **research excellence and accessibility**, Wah Academia actively supports open knowledge initiatives and ensures global visibility for authors through **international indexing and dissemination**.

Editorial Policy

For English and Turkish Languages

The Wah Academia Journal of Global Religions is a biannual publication, meaning it is issued quarterly. This journal publishes articles, research papers, and scholarly work related to various fields within the Social Sciences domain. Researchers and academics can expect to find new and valuable insights in this journal on a regular basis, as it maintains a rigorous publishing schedule, releasing new issues every three months.

Author's Guidelines / Criteria

In the Wah Academia Journal of Global Religions, authorship is determined based on substantial contributions to the research and preparation of the manuscript. To be listed as an author, individuals must have made significant intellectual contributions to the conception and design of the study, analysis and interpretation of data, drafting or critical revision of the manuscript, and approval of the final version to be published. All authors are expected to participate in the research process and take responsibility for the integrity and accuracy of the work. In cases where multiple authors are involved, it is important for each author to be able to defend the content and conclusions of the manuscript. The journal follows the International highest standards of publication, to ensure fairness, transparency, and appropriate recognition of authorship contributions. Authors submitting manuscripts to the Wah Academia Journal of Global Religions are encouraged to familiarize themselves with these to maintain the highest standards of academic integrity and collaboration.

The same article cannot be published both in the conference proceedings and in a journal. The Authors are encouraged to submit their manuscript by registering on the website. Or, if facing any problem in using the ojs system, authors are advised to submit their papers in MS Word format via email on info@wahacademia.com. The editors reserve the right to edit articles to conform to the style of the journal. All submitted articles are refereed by academic specialists in the journal's field of coverage.

The following template will be used by authors to format their manuscript:

Language

All articles must be written in English. If English is not your first language, please ask an English-speaking colleague to proofread your article.

Structure of the Article

Title Page

The title of the article should contain no abbreviations or acronyms. The title should be followed by the author's name, affiliation and E-mail contact.

Abstract

A 150-to-200-word description of the article

Keywords

Describe approximately 5 keywords (or phrases) suitable for indexing and on-line search purposes. They should contain all the essential words or phrases of the title and of the abstract.

Body

Format text and paragraph of body in the following style:

- 12-point – Times New Roman
- Double-spaced
- Margins must be 1 inch on all sides
- All pages must be portrait, no landscape
- The pages should be numbered serially
- Length of the paper: Manuscripts should usually be less than 6000 words in length

References

References should be cited in the text according to the APA style. Ensure that dates, spelling and title used in the text are consistent with those listed in the References.

It is the author's responsibility to ensure where copyright materials are included within an article, and the permission of the copyright holder has been obtained.

Publication Procedure and Estimated Timelines

Wah Academia Journal of Global Religions

(Quarterly Publication)

The **Wah Academia Journal of Global Religions** follows a structured and transparent editorial workflow to ensure academic integrity, timely publication, and rigorous peer review. Below is an overview of our publication procedure along with estimated timelines.

1. Submission

- **Frequency:** Submissions are accepted year-round.
- **Mode:** Online via the OJS submission portal.
- **Acknowledgment:** Authors receive an automated confirmation email upon successful submission.

Estimated Time: Immediate

2. Initial Editorial Screening

- Manuscripts are reviewed by the editorial team to ensure they meet basic quality standards and fit within the journal's scope.
- Submissions that do not meet the requirements are returned to authors with suggestions or desk rejection.

Estimated Time: 1–2 weeks

3. Peer Review Process

- **Double-blind peer review** is conducted by at least two subject experts.
- Reviewers evaluate the paper's originality, relevance, methodology, and clarity.
- Authors may be asked to revise their manuscripts based on feedback.

Estimated Time: 4–6 weeks

4. Revision & Resubmission

- Authors are given time to incorporate reviewers' suggestions.
- Revised manuscripts are re-evaluated either by the editors or the same reviewers.

Estimated Time for Authors: 2–3 weeks

5. Final Decision & Acceptance

- The Editor-in-Chief, in consultation with the reviewers and section editors, makes the final decision (accept, minor/major revision, or reject).
- Accepted articles proceed to the copyediting stage.

Estimated Time: 1 week

6. Copyediting & Proofreading

- Manuscripts are professionally copyedited to ensure clarity, consistency, and adherence to journal formatting.
- Authors review final proofs before publication.

Estimated Time: 1–2 weeks

7. Publication

- The journal publishes issues on a **quarterly basis**:
 - **March**
 - **June**
 - **September**
 - **December**

Accepted papers are scheduled based on the next available issue.

Total Estimated Timeline:

8–12 weeks from submission to publication, depending on the review process and timely response by authors.

Inquiries

For questions regarding manuscript status or the publication timeline, please contact the editorial office at: managing.editor@wahacademia.com

Plagiarism Policy

1. Definition of Plagiarism

Plagiarism is the act of using someone else's ideas, words, or work without proper acknowledgment. This includes, but is not limited to, copying and pasting text, paraphrasing without citation, and presenting someone else's work as one's own.

2. Unacceptable Forms of Plagiarism

The following actions are considered unacceptable forms of plagiarism within the Wah Academia Journal of Global Religions:

a. Verbatim Copying: Using someone else's words without proper quotation marks and citation.

b. Paraphrasing without Attribution: Rewriting someone else's work in your own words without giving proper credit.

c. Self-Plagiarism: Submitting work that has been previously published without proper citation and disclosure.

d. Unauthorized Collaboration: Submitting work that has been produced in collaboration with others without proper acknowledgment.

e. Fabrication: Creating fictitious data or results and presenting them as genuine.

3. Originality and Attribution

Authors submitting manuscripts to the Wah Academia Journal of Global Religions must ensure the originality of their work. Proper attribution must be given to the original sources of ideas, words, and data. Any previously published work must be properly cited, and any overlap with the author's previous work must be disclosed.

4. Plagiarism Detection

To maintain the integrity of the journal, all submitted manuscripts are screened for plagiarism using **Turnitin plagiarism detection software**. The editorial team reserves the right to verify the originality of the submitted work at any stage of the review and publication process.

5. Consequences of Plagiarism

If plagiarism is detected in a submitted manuscript, the following actions may be taken:

- a. Immediate Rejection:** The manuscript may be rejected without further review.
- b. Author Notification:** The author will be notified of the plagiarism and given an opportunity to respond.
- c. Publication Retraction:** If plagiarism is confirmed after publication, the article may be retracted, and appropriate notices will be issued.
- d. Author Blacklisting:** Authors found guilty of plagiarism may be prohibited from submitting future manuscripts to the Wah Academia Journal of Global Religions.

6. Reporting Plagiarism

Readers, reviewers, and other stakeholders are encouraged to report suspected cases of plagiarism to the editorial office. All reports will be treated with confidentiality.

7. Appeals

Authors have the right to appeal decisions related to plagiarism. Appeals should be submitted in writing to the editorial office, along with supporting evidence.

8. Review and Revision

This plagiarism policy is subject to periodic review and revision. The editorial team may update the policy as needed to address emerging issues and maintain the highest standards of academic integrity.

Peer Review Policy

The *Wah Academia Journal of Global Religions (WAJGR)* is committed to upholding rigorous academic and ethical standards through a transparent **double-blind peer review process**.

Reviewer Assignment

- Each manuscript is evaluated by **at least two independent expert reviewers**.
- Reviewers are selected based on subject-matter expertise, research background, and absence of conflicts of interest.
- All reviewers are **external to the journal's editorial board** to maintain impartiality.

Review Process

- WAJGR follows a **double-blind system**: both authors and reviewers remain anonymous throughout the review process.
- Reviewers assess manuscripts for originality, methodological rigor, clarity, contribution to social sciences, and adherence to ethical research standards.
- Reviewers submit constructive feedback and one of the following recommendations:
 - Accept as is
 - Minor revisions required
 - Major revisions required
 - Reject

Editorial Decision

- The final decision (acceptance, revision, or rejection) is made by the **Editor-in-Chief or an assigned Associate Editor**, based on the reviewers' reports and overall quality of the manuscript.
- In cases of conflicting reviews, a **third reviewer** may be invited to provide an additional assessment.

Transparency and Ethics

- WAJGR adheres to the **Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) guidelines**.
- Reviewers must treat all manuscripts confidentially and declare any potential conflicts of interest.
- All peer review activities are monitored to ensure fairness, objectivity, and academic integrity.

Review Timeframe

- To ensure thorough evaluation, the standard **review period is 6–8 weeks** from submission to initial decision.
- Submission, revision, and acceptance dates are published with all articles to maintain transparency.

Open Access Policy

WAJGR provides an immediate open access to its content on the principle that making research freely available to the public supports a greater global exchange of knowledge. To enable unrestricted usage our Journal is following CC-BY-4.0 license. Researchers can copy and redistribute the material in any medium or format, for any purpose. Authors can self-archive publisher's version of the accepted article in digital repositories and archives.

Benefits of Open Access Publishing:

- 1. Increased visibility and readership:** Open Access publications are freely available to all, making research findings more visible and accessible to a wider audience. This increased visibility can lead to greater citation rates and increased readership.
- 2. Accelerated knowledge exchange:** Open Access publishing encourages the rapid dissemination of research findings, accelerating the pace of knowledge exchange and increasing the impact of research.
- 3. Greater collaboration and interdisciplinary research:** Open Access publishing promote interdisciplinary research and collaboration by breaking down the barriers between different disciplines and making research findings more accessible to researchers in different fields.
- 4. Public engagement and societal impact:** Open Access publishing promote public engagement with research findings, making research more accessible to policymakers, journalists, and the general public. This can lead to the creased societal impact of research findings.
- 5. Cost savings:** Open Access publishing can lead to cost savings for researchers and institutions, as they no longer have to pay expensive subscription fees to access research articles.
- 6. Enhanced reproducibility and transparency:** Open Access publishing promote reproducibility and transparency in research by making research data and findings freely available to the public.

Open Access Models:

Wah Academia Journal of Global Religions adopts the Gold Open Access model, where articles are made freely available to the public immediately upon publication, and the author retains copyright.

Article Processing Charges:

To support Open Access publishing, the Wah Academia Journal of Global Religions charges Article Processing Charges (APCs) for articles published in the journal. The APCs cover the costs associated with peer review, editorial services, copyediting, typesetting, and online hosting of the article. The APCs are competitive and reflect the quality of the journal and the services provided to authors.

Waivers and Discounts:

Wah Academia Journal of Global Religions recognizes that some authors may not be able to afford the APCs associated with Open Access publishing. To support authors from low- and middle-income countries, the journal provides waivers or discounts for APCs upon request. The journal also provides discounts to authors who are members of institutions that have an institutional membership agreement with the journal.

In conclusion, the Open Access policy of Wah Academia Journal of Global Religions reflects its commitment to promoting Open Access publishing and making research findings freely available to the public. The benefits of Open Access publishing, such as increased visibility and readership, accelerated knowledge exchange, and public engagement, make it an essential publishing model for social sciences research. WAJGR is dedicated to supporting Open Access publishing and promoting the benefits of Open Access to the wider academic community.

Archiving Policy

Wah Academia Journal of Global Religions is committed to the long-term preservation of scholarly research. We are proud to be included in the LOCKSS (Lots of Copies Keep Stuff Safe) and CLOCKSS (Controlled Lots of Copies Keep Stuff Safe) archival systems. These initiatives ensure that our content remains accessible and preserved for future generations of scholars.

<https://wahacademia.com/index.php/Journal/gateway/lockss>

<https://wahacademia.com/index.php/Journal/gateway/clockss>

This utilization of the LOCKSS (Lots of Copies Keep Stuff Safe) system to create a distributed archiving system among participating libraries and permits them to create permanent archives of the journal for purposes of preservation and restoration.

1. Purpose

The purpose of this Archiving Policy is to establish guidelines for the preservation, accessibility, and long term archiving of research articles published in Wah Academia Journal of Global Religions (WAJGR). This policy ensures that the scholarly content published in WAJGR remains accessible and preserved for future generations, supporting the advancement of knowledge in the field of social sciences.

2. Preservation Format

Articles published in WAJGR will be archived in widely-accepted, non-proprietary formats to facilitate long-term preservation and accessibility. Preferred formats include PDF/A (Portable Document Format/Archive) and XML (eXtensible Markup Language) to ensure compatibility with future technologies.

3. Metadata

WAJGR will provide accurate and comprehensive metadata for each archived article. Metadata will include information such as title, author(s), abstract, keywords, publication date, and Article Identifier to enhance discoverability and citation of the content.

Copyright & Licensing

Open Access: Publication is Open Access

Licensing: Creative Commons Attribution License - CC BY- 4.0

Copyrights: The author retains unrestricted copyrights and publishing rights

Conflict of Interest

Policies on handling potential conflicts of interest of editors, authors, and reviewers.

Every participant in the peer-review as well as publication process, including, authors, editors, editorial board members, and ad hoc reviewers for Wah Academia JGR—must consider their conflicts of interest when participating in the process of article review and publication and must disclose all relationships that could be viewed as potential conflicts of interest.

Editors who make final decisions about manuscripts should recuse themselves from editorial decisions if they have conflicts of interest or relationships that pose potential conflicts related to articles under consideration. One challenge for editors is to recognize the potential for conflicts of interest and to take appropriate action when biases are likely.

A conflict of interest exists when professional judgment concerning a primary interest (such as patients' welfare or the validity of research) may be influenced by a secondary interest (such as financial gain). Perceptions of conflict of interest are as important as actual conflicts of interest.

Financial relationships (such as employment, consultancies, stock ownership or options, honorarium, patents, and paid expert testimony) are the most easily identifiable conflicts of interest and the most likely to undermine the credibility of the journal, the editors, and of research itself. However, conflicts can occur for other reasons, such as personal relationships or rivalries, academic competition, and intellectual beliefs. Some specific types of conflict of interest are identified and policies outlined below.

Types of Conflicts of Interest

Personal Conflicts

Editors should avoid making decisions on manuscripts submitted from their own institution, or by research collaborators, or co-authors, or competitors. To avoid the possibility of bias, editors should recuse themselves if they have published with, have collaborated with, or have been in a mentoring relationship with any author or contributor of the manuscript within the past three years.

Financial Conflicts

The most apparent type of conflict of financial interest occurs when an editor or affiliated organization may benefit financially from a decision to publish or to reject a manuscript. Financial conflicts may include salary, grants from a company with an interest in the results, honorarium, stock or equity interests in a company whose product is discussed in the article, and intellectual property rights (patents, royalties, and copyrights).

Non-financial Conflicts

Other non-financial conflicts of interest should also be avoided or disclosed. Editorial decisions should be based on an objective and impartial consideration of the facts, exclusive of personal or professional bias. All decisions by editors should be based solely on the paper's scientific merit, originality, and quality of writing as well as on the relevance to the journal's scope and mission, without regard to race, ethnic origin, sex, religion, or citizenship of the authors. Editors must disclose personal biases that may affect their editorial decisions.

Note:

Even if prospective reviewers feel confident that the existence of one or more of these potential conflicts of interest would not intrude upon their objectivity, they should protect the credibility of the review process by avoiding even the appearance of a conflict of interest and decline to review the manuscript. A reviewer should not take scientific, financial, personal, or other advantage of material available through the privileged communication of peer review, and every effort should be made to avoid even the appearance of taking advantage of information obtained through the review process.

Specific Conflict of Interest Policies

Submission by an Editor

A paper submitted by an editor will be handled by one of the other editors who does not have a conflict with the review and who is not at the same institution as the submitting editor. The other editor will select referees and make all decisions on the paper. In such circumstances, full masking of the process must be ensured so that the anonymity of the peer reviewers is maintained. Therefore, the editor submitting the paper will not have access to the review records of their own manuscript.

Submission from the Same Institution

A paper submitted by author at the same institution as one of the editors will be handled by one of the other editors. The other editor will select referees and make all decisions on the paper. In the case of an article from the same institution as the editor-in-chief, anytime research is submitted from the editor-in-chief's institution, will be asked to handle the manuscript, and the submission will then not be assigned to any editor at that same institution.

Personal Relationships

A paper submitted by a family member of one of the editors, or by an author whose relationship with one of the editors might create the perception of bias (e.g., in terms of close friendship or conflict/rivalry), will be handled by another editor. The other editor will select referees and make all decisions on the paper. If in doubt, the editors will consult with the editor-in-chief for the journal.

Previous Review

If an editor is assigned a manuscript for review that they had previously rendered a decision on for another journal, then the editor should state they need recuse themselves due to a previous review connection with that article; no further explanation or detail is needed.

Publication Malpractice Policy

Introduction

Wah Academia Journal of Global Religions is committed to ensuring the integrity of the academic research and publishing process. This Publication Malpractice Policy outlines the ethical standards and procedures to handle cases of publication misconduct, including plagiarism, data fabrication, and authorship disputes.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism in any form is considered a serious offense. Authors submitting manuscripts to Wah Academia Journal of Global Religions must ensure that their work is entirely original. Any form of plagiarism, including self-plagiarism, will result in immediate rejection of the manuscript. If plagiarism is detected after publication, the article will be retracted, and the authors will be banned from submitting to the journal in the future.

Data Fabrication and Falsification

Authors are expected to provide accurate and authentic data in their manuscripts. Any manipulation, falsification, or fabrication of data is considered misconduct. If such malpractice is identified, the manuscript will be rejected, and the authors will be prohibited from submitting to the journal in the future. In cases where data fabrication or falsification is discovered after publication, the article will be retracted.

Authorship Disputes

Authorship disputes can arise when multiple individuals claim authorship of a submitted manuscript. It is the responsibility of the corresponding author to ensure that all co-authors have made a significant contribution to the research and agree with the submission. If an authorship dispute is reported, the journal will investigate the matter and may request documentation to resolve the issue. If a resolution cannot be reached, the manuscript may be rejected or retracted.

Reporting Violations

If any reader, reviewer, or editor suspects misconduct or unethical behavior in a submitted or published manuscript, they are encouraged to report it to the journal's editorial office immediately. All reports will be treated confidentially, and appropriate action will be taken following a thorough investigation.

Corrections and Retractions

In cases where publication misconduct is confirmed, the journal will issue corrections, retractions, or expressions of concern as appropriate. Corrections will be made for honest errors, while retractions will be issued for serious misconduct. The retraction notice will clearly state the reason for retraction and will be linked to the original article.

Editorial Responsibilities

The editorial board of Wah Academia Journal of Global Religions is responsible for ensuring the implementation of this Publication Malpractice Policy. Editors will handle all allegations of misconduct with fairness, confidentiality, and due process.

Reviewer Responsibilities

Reviewers are expected to report any suspicion of misconduct during the review process. If a reviewer identifies potential malpractice, they should bring it to the attention of the editorial office for further investigation.

Conclusion

Wah Academia Journal of Global Religions is dedicated to upholding the highest standards of academic integrity. This Publication Malpractice Policy is designed to maintain the journal's credibility and trustworthiness among researchers and readers. By adhering to these guidelines, we aim to ensure the quality and ethics of the research published in our journal.

Article Correction/Retraction Policy

1. Introduction

Wah Academia Journal of Global Religions is committed to maintaining the integrity and credibility of the scholarly record. This Article Correction/Retraction Policy outlines the procedures to be followed in the event that errors are identified in published articles, leading to corrections or retractions.

2. Corrections

Corrections are issued in cases where errors, inaccuracies, or omissions are identified in published articles. These errors may be identified by authors, readers, reviewers, or editors. Corrections are made to rectify factual

errors and ensure the accuracy of the published information. Corrections do not alter the original publication date and are linked to the original article to maintain a transparent scholarly record.

3. Retractions

Retractions are issued when there is clear evidence that the findings presented in an article are unreliable, either as a result of misconduct or honest error. Retractions are also appropriate in cases of plagiarism, data fabrication, or other forms of ethical violations. Retracted articles are removed from the online platform, but a retraction notice is published, clearly indicating the reasons for retraction. Retracted articles will be marked as such in the journal's archive for transparency.

4. Criteria for Retraction

Articles may be retracted if:

1. There is clear evidence of data fabrication, falsification, or plagiarism. b. There are serious ethical concerns related to the research or publication process. c. The article reports unethical research, including experiments on humans or animals without proper ethical approval.
2. **Process for Correction/Retraction**
3. **Reporting:** Any concerns regarding published articles should be reported to the journal's editorial office promptly. This can be done by authors, readers, reviewers, or other concerned parties.
4. **Investigation:** The editorial team will conduct a thorough investigation into the reported concerns. This may involve consultation with the authors, reviewers, and experts in the field.
5. **Decision:** Based on the findings of the investigation, the editor-in-chief, in consultation with the editorial board, will decide regarding correction or retraction.
6. **Notification:** Authors, readers, and the relevant institutions, if applicable, will be notified of the decision. Retraction notices will be clearly published on the journal's website.
7. **Editorial Responsibilities**

The editorial board of Wah Academia Journal of Global Religions is responsible for overseeing the correction and retraction processes. Editors will handle all correction and retraction requests with fairness, confidentiality, and due process.

Repository Policy

1. Introduction:

Wah Academia Journal of Global Religions (WAJGR) is committed to promoting open access and the dissemination of high-quality research in the field of social sciences. To ensure the widest possible visibility and accessibility of the published articles, WAJGR has established the following repository policy.

2. Open Access Policy:

WAJGR is an open-access journal, meaning that all articles published in the journal are freely accessible to readers worldwide without any subscription or payment barriers.

3. Repository Deposit:

Authors publishing in WAJGR are encouraged to deposit the final accepted version of their manuscripts in institutional repositories, subject-based repositories, or other appropriate platforms that facilitate open access. Authors should ensure that the deposited version includes proper citation and a link to the published article on the WAJGR website.

4. Embargo Period:

WAJGR has no embargo period for repository deposits. Authors are allowed and encouraged to deposit their manuscripts in repositories immediately upon publication in the journal.

5. Metadata Sharing:

WAJGR provides metadata of published articles to indexing and abstracting databases, scholarly search engines, and other relevant platforms to enhance the discoverability of the content.

6. Author Responsibilities:

Authors are responsible for ensuring that their submitted manuscripts comply with the repository policy. Authors should check the policies of their respective institutions regarding repository deposits and ensure compliance with them.

7. Repository Information:

The journal may provide recommendations for reputable repositories or platforms for authors' reference.

Statement of Ethics

The Editorial Board of The Wah Academia is focused on fulfilling and maintaining guidelines of Ethical conduct at all phases of the Journal's distribution cycle. We adhere to the rules for editors, peer-analysts and creators set by our editorial board.

Publication Ethics

Ethical standards for publication exist to ensure high-quality publications, public trust in research findings, and that people receive credit for their work and ideas.

Article Assessment

All manuscripts are subject to double blind peer review and are expected to meet standards of academic excellence. If approved by the editor, submissions will be considered by peer reviewers, whose identities will remain anonymous to the authors. Information about reviewers will not be forwarded to the Authors due to editorial requirements of peer review.

Our Research Integrity team will occasionally seek advice outside standard peer review, for example, on submissions with serious ethical, security, biosecurity, or societal implications. We may consult experts and the academic editor before deciding on appropriate actions, including but not limited to recruiting reviewers with specific expertise, assessment by additional editors, and declining to further consider a submission.

Plagiarism

Authors must not use the words, figures, or ideas of others without attribution. All sources must be cited at the point they are used, and reuse of wording must be limited and be attributed or quoted in the text.

WAH ACADEMIA JGR uses its own software to detect submissions that overlap with published and submitted manuscripts. Editors / Authors can see Similarity Check page for more information on how to interpret these reports.

Manuscripts that are found to have been plagiarized from a manuscript by other authors, whether published or unpublished, will be rejected and the authors may incur sanctions. Any published articles may need to be corrected or retracted. Similarity index should be 19% maximum, as per Higher Education Commission of Pakistan (HEC).

Duplicate Submission and Redundant Publication

Wah Academia JGR considers only original content, i.e., articles that have not been previously published, only in English Language. Articles based on content previously made public only on a pre-print server, institutional repository, or in a thesis will be considered.

Manuscripts submitted to Wah Academia JGR must not be submitted elsewhere while under consideration and must be withdrawn before being submitted elsewhere. Authors whose articles are found to have been simultaneously submitted elsewhere may incur sanctions.

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