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All actors included in the process of publishing should agree upon standards of expected ethical behavior. Therefore, expectations for authors, editors, and peer-reviewers, as well as processing malpractice, are explained in the following sections. Ethic statements are based on standards of ethical behavior and best practices with reference to core practice developed by the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE).

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