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I. INTRODUCTION

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The publisher, editors and supporting staff are aware of the importance of academic ethics, rectitude and integrity of all the involved parties in order for the Journal to achieve and promote its purpose. Therefore, to achieve the highest publishing standards among all the involved parties, the following Publication ethics and malpractice statement (PEMS) was composed, published and enforced.

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B. PROCEDURE REGARDING SCIENTIFIC MISCONDUCT

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A. PUBLISHING SCHEDULE AND FORMS

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