Corrections, Retractions, and Duplicate Publication Quiz
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Directions: Publishing correction, retraction, and duplication publication information is an unfortunate but necessary part of the editorial process. Whether these issues are identified by authors, editors, or readers, errors must be corrected in the literature. Sometimes this necessitates a published print correction and other times a correction of the online material as well. Choose the correct response to the following questions on corrections, retractions, and duplicate publication.

1. What is the term for the simultaneous or subsequent reporting of essentially the same information, article, or major components of an article 2 or more times in 1 or more forms of media (either print or electronic format)?
   a. Fabricated data
   b. Duplicate publication
   c. Plagiarism
   d. Scientific misconduct

2. Which of the following is a reason for retraction of data?
   a. Fabrication of data
   b. Falsification of data
   c. Plagiarism
   d. All of the above

3. What is the first step an editor should take when duplicate publication is suspected?
   a. Contact the authors and request an explanation
   b. Publish a notice of duplicate publication
   c. Publish a retraction
   d. Publish a correction

4. Which of the following can issue a retraction?
   a. Author
   b. Author's institution
   c. Journal editor
   d. All of the above

5. What is the preferred method for handling libelous material?
   a. Correction
   b. Correction and retraction
   c. Removal of content
   d. Publication of an apology

6. If the author of a published article fails to disclose a financial interest, a notice of financial disclosure should be published and labeled as what?
   a. Falsification of credentials
   b. Correction
   c. Retraction
   d. Author misrepresentation
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7. Edit the following reference to an article that has been corrected:

8. Edit the following reference to a retraction:

9. Edit the following reference to an article that has been retracted:

10. Edit the following reference to a duplicate publication: