

Corrections, Retractions, and Duplicate Publication Quiz

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ANSWER KEY

Directions: Publishing correction, retraction, and duplication publication information is a 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 in addition to correcting the material online (and PDF) as well. Choose the correct response to the following questions on corrections, retractions, and duplicate publication. Refer to **§5.3-5.9** of the *AMA Manual of Style* for guidance.

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) by 1 or more of the same authors?
 - a. Fabricated data
 - b. Duplicate publication**
 - c. Plagiarism
 - d. Scientific misconduct

ANSWER: b. Duplicate publication (§5.3, Duplicate Publication and Submission)

2. Which of the following is a reason for retraction of an article?
 - a. Fabricated data
 - b. Duplicate publication
 - c. Plagiarism
 - d. All of the above**

ANSWER: d. All of the above (§5.4.5, Retractions and Expressions of Concern)

3. What is the first step an editor should take when duplicate publication is suspected?
 - a. Contact the corresponding author and all coauthors and request a written explanation**
 - b. Publish a notice of duplicate publication
 - c. Publish a retraction
 - d. Publish a correction

ANSWER: a. Contact the corresponding author and all coauthors and request a written explanation (§5.3.2.2, Duplicate Publication)



4. Which of the following can authorize a published retraction of a fabricated, falsified, or plagiarized article?
- a. Author and coauthors
 - b. Investigating institution
 - c. Journal editor
 - d. All of the above

ANSWER: d. All of the above (§5.4.5, Retractions and Expressions of Concern)

5. What is the standard course of action for handling libelous material?
- a. Correction
 - b. Correction and retraction
 - c. Removal of content
 - d. Publication of an apology

ANSWER: b. Correction and retraction (§5.9.10, Demands to Correct, Retract, or Remove Libelous Information)

6. If the author of a published article fails to disclose a financial interest, a notice of omitted financial disclosure should be published and labeled as what?
- a. Falsification of credentials
 - b. Correction
 - c. Retraction
 - d. Author misrepresentation

ANSWER: b. Correction (§5.5.8.2, Handling Failure to Disclose Conflicts of Interest, For Authors of Published Articles)

7. Edit the following reference to an article that has been corrected:

JAMA. 2015 Jan 13;313(2):141–2. doi: 10.1001/jama.2014.17323. Race, ethnicity, and the diagnosis of breast cancer. Daly B, Olopade OI. Erratum in: *JAMA*. 2015 Feb 17;313(7):729.

ANSWER: Daly B, Olopade OI. Race, ethnicity, and the diagnosis of breast cancer. *JAMA*. 2015;313(2):141–142. Note: Citing the article as usual is probably sufficient. If necessary, a separate reference to the correction notice can be published.

(§3.11.14, Corrections)

8. Edit the following reference to a retraction notice:

Notice of Retraction [doi:10.1001/archophthalmol.2012.1387] *Arch Ophthalmol*. 2012; 130(7):952; Daniel M. Albert, MD, MS; Howard Bauchner, MD. “A Randomized Clinical Trial of a Single Dose of Ramosetron for the Prevention of Vomiting After Strabismus Surgery in

Children: A Dose-Ranging Study” by Fujii Y, Tanaka H, Ito M. Published in *Arch Ophthalmol*. 2005;123[1]:25–28.

ANSWER: Albert DM, Bauchner H. Notice of retraction. Fuji Y et al. A randomized clinical trial of a single dose of ramosetron for the prevention of vomiting after strabismus surgery in children: a dose-ranging study. *Arch Ophthalmol*. 2005;123(1):25–28. *Arch Ophthalmol*. 2012;130(7):952. doi:10.1001/archophthalmol.2012.1387

(§3.11.15, Retractions and Expressions of Concern)

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ANSWER: Fujii Y, Tanaka H, Ito M. A randomized clinical trial of a single dose of ramosetron for the prevention of vomiting after strabismus surgery in children: a dose-ranging study. *Arch Ophthalmol*. 2005;123(1):25–28. Retracted in: *Arch Ophthalmol*. 2012;130(7):952. doi:10.1001/archophthalmol.2012.1387

(§3.11.15, Retractions and Expressions of Concern)

10. Edit the following reference to a notice of duplicate publication: Notice of Duplicate Publication by Shariat SF, Lamb DJ, Roehrborn CG, Slawin KM. *Arch Intern Med*. 2008;168(18):2046–2047: “Potentially Harmful Effect of a Testosterone Dietary Supplement on Prostate Cancer Growth and Metastasis” by Shariat SF, Lamb DJ, Roehrborn CG, Slawin KM. (*Arch Intern Med*. 2008;168[2]:235–236).

ANSWER: Shariat SF, Roehrborn CG, Lamb DJ, Slawin KM. Notice of duplicate publication: Potentially harmful effect of a testosterone dietary supplement on prostate cancer growth and metastasis. *Arch Intern Med*. 2008;168(2):235–236. *Arch Intern Med*. 2008;168(18):2046–2047. doi:10.1001/archinte.168.18.2046-b

(§3.11.16, Duplicate Publication)

