



Editorial Letter

Dear Colleagues

This is the second issue of the Pan Arab Journal of Rhinology (PAJR); the official publication of the PARS (Pan Arab Rhinology Society) and the voice of all Arab rhinologists.

The Pan Arab journal of rhinology was born with a sole purpose that is to promote and encourage scientific ethical research and publishing in the field of rhinology in the Arab world in hope that one day it will become internationally recognized.

As one of our primary goals is to maintain the integrity of our scientific Journal, we essentially believe that authors involved in biomedical publication should be aware of basic ethical guidelines for publication of their scientific work.

The editorial board of the Pan Arab Journal of Rhinology (PAJR) is following the international standards for publication set and followed by a group of editors of major international otolaryngology journals and published between 2006-2007, those standards are as follow.

1. Authors are ethically obligated to be sure that data are presented accurately and in a fair and unbiased way.
2. The supporting data for any scientific investigation should be maintained in the office files for a minimum of 5 to 7 years after publication (this is dependent on the study and the governing agency; some institutions require less, particularly for retrospective data).
3. Scientific data should never be altered or deleted. In this era of modern computer science, authors must also be careful that photographs and other illustrations when enhanced or otherwise "touched up" do not mislead readers or distort information. Digital enhancement of pictures that might be interpreted as intending to adjust or enhance findings or that could otherwise potentially mislead the reader is considered a major ethical breach.
4. Scientific data may not be published twice without clear notification to the editor-in-chief, reviewing editor, editorial staff, and the readership of the journal that these data have been published previously. Duplicate submission or redundant publication of a similar data set is considered unethical. This editorial is being published to emphasize the importance of this principle and maximize its accessibility to the community of authors.

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Standards for ethical publication

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Best regards

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