



## **Journal of Mechanical Ventilation**

### **Process for Handling Corrections, Retractions, and Editorial Expressions of Concern**

#### **1. Identification of Issues**

Issues that may necessitate corrections, retractions, or expressions of concern can be identified through various means, including but not limited to:

- Author Notification: Authors may voluntarily bring errors, inaccuracies, or ethical concerns to the attention of the editorial office.
- Reader Reports: Concerns raised by readers, reviewers, or other stakeholders may prompt a closer examination of a published article.
- Internal Review: The editorial team may identify issues during routine checks or after receiving specific information.

#### **2. Initial Assessment**

Upon identification of a potential issue, the editorial office will conduct an initial assessment to determine the severity and nature of the problem. This assessment includes:

- Verification: Confirming the validity of the reported issue through consultation with authors, reviewers, and other relevant parties.
- Impact Assessment: Evaluating the potential impact of the issue on the scientific accuracy, reliability, and ethical standards of the publication.

#### **3. Decision-Making Process**

Based on the assessment, the editorial team will decide on the appropriate course of action, which may include:

- Corrections: For minor errors, inaccuracies, or omissions, a correction notice may be issued to rectify the published record. Authors will be involved in the correction process.

- **Retractions:** In cases of serious errors, ethical concerns, or research misconduct, a retraction notice may be issued, indicating that the article should not be relied upon. Retractions may be initiated by authors or recommended by the editorial team.
- **Expressions of Concern:** When there are doubts about the reliability or integrity of an article but further investigation is required, an editorial expression of concern may be published to alert readers to the potential issues.

#### **4. Author Involvement**

Authors will be informed of the editorial decision and will be given an opportunity to respond, correct, or retract their work. Their cooperation and transparency throughout the process are essential.

#### **5. Communication and Transparency**

All decisions, including corrections, retractions, or expressions of concern, will be communicated transparently to readers, authors, and relevant stakeholders. This may involve publishing notices in the journal, on the journal's website, and in relevant indexing services.

#### **6. Editorial Board Review**

Decisions to issue corrections, retractions, or expressions of concern will be reviewed and endorsed by the Editorial Board, ensuring a collective and well-informed decision-making process.

#### **7. Continuous Improvement**

The editorial team will regularly review the handling of corrections, retractions, and expressions of concern to identify opportunities for improvement and to update this process as needed.

#### **Contact Information**

For questions or concerns related to corrections, retractions, or expressions of concern, please contact the Editorial Office at [editor@journalmechanicalventilation.com](mailto:editor@journalmechanicalventilation.com)