



## COMMITTEE on PUBLICATION ETHIS

KSU J. Agric Nat is committed to the highest standards of research and publication ethics, and does not allow any form of plagiarism.

KSU J. Agric Nat. undertakes to comply with the provisions of the "COPE Code for Conduct for Journal Editors" which are attached (COPE Directive.pdf - Turkish translation file).

All submitted manuscripts are screened with plagiarism software at least two times during the evaluation process to detect instances of overlapping and similarities. High similarity scores more than 20% may lead rejection of a manuscript even after acceptance. The editors will act in accordance with the relevant international rules of publication and research ethics (COPE guidelines, ICMJE Recommendations, CSE White Paper on Publication Ethics, WAME resources, WMA policies and ORI) if any ethical misconduct is suspected.

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## Editorial Process

**KSU J. Agric Nat** are committed to editorial independence, and strive in all cases to prevent this principle from being compromised through conflicts of interest, fear, or any other corporate or political influence.

**KSU J. Agric Nature's** editorial processes reflect this commitment to editorial independence. At the same time, **KSU J. Agric Nature** are committed to editorial independence, and strive in all cases to prevent this principle from being compromised through conflicts of interest, fear, or any other corporate or political influence.

Manuscripts submitted for **KSU J. Agric Nature's** publishing program are initially reviewed by inhouse editors, who may also consult relevant external reviewer's editors or subject specialists.

If the Manuscripts is suitable for consideration by **KSU J. Agric Nature's**, the Manuscripts along with sample content, will be sent to a minimum of two external and independent peer reviewers.

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## Peer Review

Peer review is critical to maintaining the standards of our publications.

**KSU J. Agric Nature** provide appropriate systems, training and support to facilitate rigorous, fair and effective peer review for all our publications; • encourage our editors and peer reviewers to familiarize themselves with and act in accordance with relevant best practice guidelines on peer review.

For journal editors and peer reviewers, please refer to COPE's Ethical Guidelines for Peer Reviewers. **KSU J. Agric Nature's** editors and peer reviewers may find the COPE's Ethical Guidelines for Peer Reviewers.

Expect those who oversee the peer review process to be able to recognize warning signs of fraudulent or manipulated peer review, and to raise any concerns by emailing [dogabilimleri@ksu.edu.tr](mailto:dogabilimleri@ksu.edu.tr).

We also expect, authors and peer reviewers to uphold any relevant confidentiality arrangements for each book or journal and to provide necessary information to support this.

## Publishing schedule

**KSU J. Agric Nature** published every two months.

## Authorship

We acknowledge that different disciplines and publication formats have different norms for who is listed as an author. Where no other criteria are specified, authorship should be based on the below principles.

These should apply to all fields of research:

1. Substantial contributions to the conception or design of the work; or the acquisition, analysis, or interpretation of data for the work; and
2. Drafting the work or revising it critically for important intellectual content; and
3. Final approval of the version to be published; and
4. Agreement to be accountable for all aspects of the work in ensuring that questions related to the accuracy or integrity of any part of the work are appropriately investigated and resolved.

Our default position is that the corresponding author has the authority to act on behalf of all co-authors, and we expect the corresponding author to confirm this at the beginning of the publication process.

COPE also provides extensive resources on authorship and authorship disputes, and we encourage anyone involved in editorial decisions to familiarize themselves with these resources. We support our editors in dealing with any authorship disputes, including escalating or seeking advice on cases with COPE. We integrate with established and emerging industry standards to increase transparency in authorship (for example, ORCID).



Authors should provide a list of references, financial support; it should also be forbidden to publish same research in more than one journal.

### **Plagiarism**

Plagiarism is defined as 'submitting as one's own work, irrespective of intent to deceive, that which derives in part or in its entirety from the work of others without due acknowledgement. It is both poor scholarship and a breach of academic integrity.

Examples of plagiarism include copying (using another person's language and/or ideas as if they are one's own), by:

- quoting verbatim another person's work without due acknowledgement of the source;
  - paraphrasing another person's work by changing some of the words, or the order of the words, without due acknowledgement of the source;
  - using ideas taken from someone else without reference to the originator;
  - cutting and pasting from the Internet to make a pastiche of online sources;
  - submitting someone else's work as part of one's own without identifying clearly who did the work.
- For example, not attributing research contributed by others to a joint project.

Plagiarism might also arise from colluding with another person who has not been declared or acknowledged (i.e. where collaboration is concealed or has been forbidden). Work should include a general acknowledgement where it has received substantial help, for example with the language and style of a piece of written work.

Plagiarism can occur in respect to all types of sources and media, including:

- text, illustrations, musical quotations, mathematical derivations, computer code, etc.;
- material downloaded from websites or drawn from manuscripts or other media;
- published and unpublished material, including lectures, presentations and grey literature.

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Research involving humans or animals should be approved by relevant ethics committee(s) and should conform to international ethical and legal standards for research. We also expect authors to respect human participants' right to privacy, and to gain any necessary consent to publish before submitting to us. For information on whether authors are required to submit or include evidence regarding the above, please consult individual journal submission guidelines or contact the relevant book or journal editor.

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Where research data are collected or presented as images, modifying these images can sometimes misrepresent the results obtained or their significance. We recognise that there can be legitimate reasons for modifying images, but we expect authors to avoid modifying images where this leads to the falsification, fabrication, or misrepresentation of their results.

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The Journal of Agriculture and Nature is a completely free, international peer-reviewed journal with open access. It does not charge article processing fees (evaluation fees or printing fees) and subscription fees for accessing articles.

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Personal information such as names and e-mail addresses entered in the management system of the Journal of Agriculture and Nature will be used only for the scientific purposes of this journal. This information will not be used for any other purpose or section and will not be shared with third parties.

### **Archiving**

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## **Sponsorship and Advertising.**

The Journal of Agriculture and Nature does not accept sponsorship and advertising in terms of publishing policies.

## **Copyright Transfer**

Manuscripts submitted to the Journal of Agriculture and Nature for publication should be original work that has not previously been published in any way or that has not been submitted for publication elsewhere.

Authors agree to waive the copyright of their work and submit the copyright of their work to the Journal of Agriculture and Nature upon submission for evaluation.

The Editorial Board of the Journal of Agriculture and Nature is authorized to publish the article. Authors who will send a work to the Journal of Agriculture and Nature should fill in the "Copyright Transfer Form". The author (s) must sign the completed form with a wet signature. By scanning the signed form, uploading additional files in the 4th of the work submission steps through the system option. The works of authors who do not submit the Copyright Transfer Form are not published.

## **Fair double-blind peer-review and Evaluation Process**

Blind peer-review is a method used for the publication of scientific publications with the highest quality. This method is the basis of the objective evaluation of scientific studies and is preferred by many scientific journals.

The opinions of the peer reviewers have a decisive role in the publication quality of the Journal of Agriculture and Nature. All studies submitted to the Journal of Agriculture and Nature are evaluated through blinding according to the following stages.

The Journal of Agriculture and Nature uses the double-blind method in the evaluation process of all studies. In the double-blind method, the author and peer reviewer identities of the studies are hidden.

## **Initial Evaluation Process**

The articles submitted to the Journal of Agriculture and Nature are first evaluated by the editors. At this stage, studies that do not meet the aim and scope of the journal, which are weak in terms of language and expression rules in Turkish and English, that contain scientifically critical errors, have no original value and do not meet the publication policies are rejected. Authors of rejected studies are notified within two weeks of the submission date. Appropriate studies are sent to a Department editor for preliminary evaluation.

## **Preliminary Evaluation Process**

In the pre-evaluation process, the editors of the department examine the introduction, materials and methods, findings, conclusions, evaluation and discussion sections in detail in terms of journal publication policies and scope and originality. Not eligible as a result of this review

The studies are returned within 4 weeks at the latest with the evaluation report of the department editor.

## **Arbitration Process**

The works are sent to the peer reviewers according to their content and peer reviewer's specialties. The editor of the department, who reviewed the study, proposes at least two peer reviewers from the peer reviewer pool of the Journal of Agriculture and Nature, or new peer reviewers appropriate to the area of the study.

It may suggest. The suggestions of the peer reviewers from the department editor are evaluated by the editors and the works are forwarded to the peer reviewers. The peer reviewers have no process and guarantee that they will not share the document.



## Peer reviewer Evaluation Process

The time given to the peer reviewers is 4 weeks. Corrections from peer reviewers or editors must be completed by the authors within 1 month. Peer reviewers may review the corrections of a study to determine its suitability or may request multiple corrections if necessary.

## Evaluation Result

The opinions of the peer reviewers are reviewed by the Department editor within 2 weeks at the latest. As a result of this review, the Department's editor communicates the final decision on the work to the editors.

## Decision of the Editorial Board

The editors prepare the opinions of the editorial board based on the opinions of the editor and the peer reviewer. The opinions prepared are forwarded by the editor to the author (s) within 1 week at the latest, together with the suggestions of the Department editor and the peer reviewer. In this process, studies with negative opinions are returned without requesting plagiarism.

## Article Submission

The author (s) who will send a study to be evaluated in the Journal of Agriculture and Nature can submit a membership to the journal management system at <http://dergipark.gov.tr/ksudobil>.

## Writers

If the author (s) notices a misstatement or error related to the published, early appearance or evaluation work, the editor of the journal for the withdrawal  
There is an obligation to cooperate.

## Withdrawal of Articles

The author (s) wishing to request a withdrawal of his / her work during the evaluation phase are obliged to forward the petition containing the request for withdrawal of the article, signed and scanned with the signature of each author, to the editorial board via [dogabilimleri@ksu.edu.tr](mailto:dogabilimleri@ksu.edu.tr) via e-mail. The Editorial Board reviews the withdrawal notification and returns within one week at the latest. Authors cannot send their manuscript to another journal for evaluation unless the request for withdrawal of the works whose copyrights have been transferred by the editorial board of the Journal of Agriculture and Nature is submitted.

## Editors

Agriculture and Nature Journal editorial board; in case of suspicion of copyright and plagiarism regarding a published, published or evaluation work, it is obliged to initiate an investigation of the work. In the event that the editorial board determines that copyright and plagiarism have been made in the evaluation process as a result of the investigation, it withdraws the study from the evaluation and returns the identified cases to the authors in detail.

If the editorial board determines that a copyrighted or plagiarism has been committed in a published or published work, it shall perform the following withdrawal and notification procedures within one week at the latest.

## ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITIES and POLICIES

Publication Ethics The publication processes used in the Journal of Agriculture and Nature are the basis for the development and dissemination of information in an impartial and respectable manner. The processes applied in this direction are directly reflected in the quality of the work of the authors and the institutions supporting the authors.



Peer reviewed studies are the studies that embody and support the scientific method. At this point, it is important that all stakeholders of the process (authors, readers and researchers, publishers, peer reviewers and editors) comply with standards for ethical principles. Within the scope of the publication ethics of the Journal of Agriculture and Nature, all stakeholders are expected to bear the following ethical responsibilities.

The ethical duties and responsibilities set out below are based on guidelines and policies published by the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) as open access.

### **Ethical Responsibilities of Authors**

The author (s) submitting works to the Journal of Agriculture and Nature are expected to comply with the following ethical responsibilities:

- The works submitted by the author (s) are expected to be original. If the author (s) make use of or use other studies, they must cite and / or cite in a complete and accurate manner.
- People who do not contribute intellectually to the content of the study should not be mentioned as authors.
- The situations and relationships of any work submitted for publication that may constitute a conflict of interest should be explained.
- Raw data on the manuscripts of the manuscripts may be requested from the author (s) within the framework of the evaluation process, in which case the author (s) should be prepared to submit the expected data and information to the editorial board and the scientific committee.
- The author (s) must have a document showing that they have the rights to use the data used, that they have the necessary permissions for the research / analysis, or that the consent of the test subjects has been obtained.
- The author (s) have an obligation to cooperate with the editor to inform, correct or withdraw the editor or publisher if he / she discovers a mistake or error related to his / her published, printed or evaluation work.
- Authors cannot keep their work in the application process of more than one journal at the same time. Each application may be initiated following the completion of the previous application. The study published in another journal cannot be sent to the Journal of Agriculture and Nature.
- It is not possible to change the author responsibilities (such as adding author, changing the order of author, removing the author) of a study that has started the evaluation process.

### **Ethical Duties and Responsibilities of Editors**

The editors and department editors of the Journal of Agriculture and Nature have the following ethical duties and on the basis of the COPE Code of Conduct and Best Practice Guidelines for Journal Editors and Practice COPE Best Practice Guidelines for Journal Editors published by the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE). should have responsibilities:

#### **Relations with the readers**

Editors should make decisions based on the knowledge, skills and experience expectations of all readers, researchers and practitioners. To contribute the published works to readers, researchers, practitioners and scientific literature and to be original should pay attention. In addition, editors are obliged to take into account the feedback from readers, researchers and practitioners, and to provide explanatory and informative feedback.

#### **Relations with authors**

The duties and responsibilities of the editors against the authors are as follows:

- Editors should make positive or negative decisions based on the importance, original value, validity, clarity of expression, and the objectives and objectives of the journal.





- The studies that are in compliance with the publication scope should be taken to the pre-evaluation stage unless there is a serious problem.
- Editors should not ignore favorable peer reviewer proposals unless there is a serious problem with the work.
- New editors should not change the decisions made by the previous editor (s) for the work, unless there is a serious problem.
- "Blind Judging and Evaluation Process" must be published and editors should avoid deviations from the defined processes.
- Editors should publish a Author's Guide that includes every topic that is expected by the authors in detail. These guides should be updated periodically.
- Authors should be provided with explanatory and informative notification and return.

### **Relations with Peer Reviewer's**

The duties and responsibilities of editors against peer reviewer's are as follows:

- designate the peer reviewers according to the subject of the study.
- It is obliged to provide the information and guides that the peer reviewers need during the evaluation phase.
- The authors and peer reviewers have to observe whether there is a conflict of interest.
- In the context of blanking arbitration, the peer reviewer's identity information should be kept confidential.
- Encourage peer reviewers to consider working in an objective, scientific and objective language.
- Evaluate the peer reviewers with criteria such as timely return and performance.
- Develop policies and practices to improve the performance of peer reviewers.
- Take the necessary steps to dynamically update the peer reviewer pool.
- Prevent disrespectful and unscientific assessments.
- Take steps to ensure that the peer reviewer pool is composed of a wide range.

### **Relations with editorial board**

Editors should ensure that all editorial board members proceed with the publication policies and guidelines. The editorial board should inform its members about the publication policies and keep them informed of developments. New editorial board members educate, provide the information they need.

### **Relations with magazine owner and publisher**

The relationship between editors and publisher is based on the principle of editorial independence. As per the written agreement between the editors and the publisher, all decisions of the editors are independent of the publisher and the journal owner.

### **Editorial and blind arbitration processes**

Editors; The journal is obliged to implement the "Blind Arbitration and Evaluation Process" policies in the publication policies. In this context, the editors ensure that the fair, impartial and timely evaluation of each work is completed.

### **Quality assurance**

Editors; is responsible for the publication of each article published in the journal in accordance with journal publishing policies and international standards.

### **Protection of personal data**

Editors; and to ensure the protection of personal data relating to the subjects or visuals involved in the studies evaluated. Unless the express consent of the individuals used in the studies is documented,



it is responsible for rejecting the study. In addition, editors; The author is responsible for protecting the individual data of the peer reviewers and readers.

### **Ethics committee, human and animal rights**

Editors; to ensure the protection of human and animal rights in the studies evaluated. Ethics committee approval of the subjects used in the studies is responsible for rejecting the study in the absence of permission for experimental research.

### **Measure against possible abuse and misconduct**

Editors; is obliged to take measures against possible misconduct and misconduct. In addition to conducting a rigorous and objective investigation into the identification and evaluation of complaints, the editor is also responsible for sharing findings.

### **Protection of intellectual property rights**

Editors; to protect the intellectual property rights of all published articles and to defend the rights of journal and author (s) in case of possible violations. In addition, editors are required to ensure that the content of all published articles does not infringe the intellectual property rights of other publications. measures. See. Plagiarism Control

### **Complaints**

Editors; The author is obliged to examine the complaints coming from the peer reviewers or readers carefully and to respond in an illuminating and explanatory manner.

### **Political and Commercial Concerns**

The owner, publisher and any other political and commercial elements do not affect the independent decision-making of the editors.

### **Ethical Responsibilities of Peer reviewers**

The evaluation of all studies with "Blinding Peer reviewer" directly affects the quality of the publication. This process provides confidence through objective and independent evaluation of the publication. The evaluation process of the Journal of Agriculture and Nature is carried out with the principle of double-blinded arbitration.

The peer reviewers cannot contact the authors directly. Reviews and comments are communicated through the journal management system. In this process, peer reviewer comments on evaluation forms and full texts are forwarded to the author (s) through the editor. In this context, peer reviewers evaluating the work for the Journal of Agriculture and Nature are expected to have the following ethical responsibilities:

- Only work related to the field of expertise should accept the evaluation.
- Evaluate in neutrality and confidentiality.
- If he thinks that he is facing a conflict of interest during the evaluation process, he should refuse to review the study and inform the journal editor.
- Dispose of the studies they review in accordance with the principle of confidentiality after the evaluation process. They can only use the final versions of the studies they have reviewed after they are published.
- Evaluate objectively in relation to the content of the study. Nationality should not allow gender, religious beliefs, political beliefs and commercial concerns to influence assessment.
- Evaluate in a constructive and gentle language. Do not make humiliating personal comments that include hostility, slander and insult.
- Carry out the work they accept to evaluate in a timely manner and with the above ethical responsibilities.



## **Conflicts of interest**

Editors; it ensures that the publication of the manuscripts is completed independently and impartially, taking into account conflicts of interest between the author (s), the peer reviewers and other editors.

## **Plagiarism Control**

In accordance with the publication ethics of the Journal of Agriculture and Nature, it is obligatory that plagiarism audits are carried out in order to protect the integrity of all studies that have passed through the Blind Arbitration Assessment Process ". Within this scope, the Turkish and English copies of each study are subject to plagiarism control by a company approved by the editorial board. The material responsible for the audit belongs to the author (s). Plagiarism is controlled by Turnitin and iThenticate software. Each work is analyzed in-depth by means of software, and the matching and citation matches are extracted. The remaining matches are examined and the errors are detected and reported to the editorial board. The editorial board makes the final decision about the study in the light of the plagiarism audit report of each study. Errors in the report may be requested to be corrected by the authors or the work may be returned to the authors.

## **Bibliography, Submission and Citation Control**

Scientific research is based on previous studies. In the studies conducted, reference is made to the previous studies within the framework of certain rules and references. Mistakes made intentionally or unknowingly in scientific studies undermine the reliability of the study and publication. The Journal of Agriculture and Nature sees it as imperative that accurate and complete references and citations are accepted as a result of the evaluation. Within this scope, after each work is accepted, a bibliography, sending and citation control is carried out by a company that the editorial board deems appropriate. The material responsibility for the control carried out belongs to the author (s).

The bibliography, submission and citation control of accepted studies are carried out for the full text in Turkish and English in the following steps:

- Bibliography is prepared in accordance with the procedures and principles contained in APA's Citation Guidelines 6th Edition.
- It is checked whether the references in the text of each reference in the bibliography are given according to the procedures and principles, and the wrong ones are corrected.
- References to in-text references are checked. The missing ones are requested from the authors and the wrong ones are corrected. Procedures and principles of Turkish references for full text and English for full text are taken into consideration.

## **Layout and Typesetting**

The Journal of Agriculture and Nature requires the uniformity of the articles, their readability and the standard and uniform print format required by the standards. In this context, plagiarism audit and bibliography editing are completed by a company whose page layout and layout is approved by the editorial board. The responsibility for the preparation of the page layout and print copy rests with the author (s).

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