Policies for academic misconduct for BCAS-iCMR

1. Plagiarism Policy
1.1 Definition of Plagiarism- Plagiarism involves using someone else's work, ideas, or expressions without proper acknowledgment, presenting it as one's own original work. This includes text, data, figures, and any other material.

1.2 Policy Statement
- All submissions must be the original work of the authors and must not have been previously published or under consideration for publication elsewhere.
- Proper citation and referencing of all sources and contributions are mandatory.
- Direct quotations must be placed within quotation marks and properly cited.
- Authors must ensure that their work does not infringe on any existing copyrights.

1.3 Detection and Consequences
- All submitted papers will be screened for plagiarism using reputable plagiarism detection software.
- If plagiarism is detected before publication, the submission will be rejected immediately.
- If plagiarism is detected after publication, the paper will be retracted from the conference proceedings and appropriate notifications will be made to the author's institution and any funding bodies.
- Authors found to have committed plagiarism may be banned from submitting to future conferences.

2. Conflict of Interest Policy
2.1 Definition of Conflict-of-Interest A conflict of interest occurs when an individual's personal, financial, or professional relationships may compromise or bias their actions and judgments concerning the conference activities.

2.2 Policy Statement
- Authors must disclose any potential conflicts of interest that could influence the results or interpretation of their work.
- Reviewers and committee members must disclose any potential conflicts of interest with any submitted papers or authors.
- Identified conflicts of interest must be managed appropriately, which may involve reassigning reviewers or handling submissions in a manner that maintains impartiality.

2.3 Procedures
- All authors, reviewers, and committee members are required to complete a conflict-of-interest domain and number of conflicts using CMT.
- The conference organizing committee will review disclosures and take appropriate actions to manage and mitigate conflicts.
- Transparency regarding conflicts of interest will be maintained, and if necessary, disclosed in published papers.

3. Data Integrity Policy

3.1 Definition of Data Integrity Data integrity refers to the accuracy, consistency, and reliability of data throughout its lifecycle, ensuring it is not altered inappropriately or fraudulently.

3.2 Policy Statement

- Authors must ensure that their data is accurately represented and appropriately analyzed.
- Fabrication, falsification, or selective reporting of data is strictly prohibited.
- Authors should retain their raw data and be prepared to provide access to it for editorial review if requested.

3.3 Data Management and Sharing

- Authors should provide detailed descriptions of their data collection and analysis methods to allow for reproducibility of results.
- Where possible, authors are encouraged to make their data publicly available in a recognized data repository, provided confidentiality and ethical considerations are maintained.

3.4 Consequences of Data Misconduct

- If data integrity issues are identified before publication, the submission will be rejected.
- If data misconduct is discovered post-publication, the paper will be retracted, and notifications will be sent to the relevant institutions and funding bodies.
- Authors found guilty of data misconduct may be banned from future submissions to the conference.

4. Citation Manipulation Policy

4.1 Definition: Citation manipulation includes coercive citation, excessive self-citation, mutual citation agreements, and citation cartels, aimed at inappropriately inflating citation metrics.

4.2 Identification: Unusual citation patterns, reviewer reports, and author behaviors are monitored to identify potential citation manipulation.

4.3 Consequences: Confirmed cases of citation manipulation will result in manuscript rejection, bans on submissions, retraction of involved articles, and notification to relevant institutions and indexing services.

By adhering to these policies, the conference aims to uphold the highest standards of academic integrity and ethical research practices.

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