

Post-publication discussions Policy

Purpose: At IJPOT, we value transparency, accountability, and continuous improvement in scholarly communication. This policy outlines our commitment to facilitating post-publication discussions, corrections, revisions, and retractions to ensure the accuracy and integrity of published research.

Post-publication Discussions:

1. **Open Debate:** IJPOT encourages open and constructive debate on published articles. Authors, readers, and other stakeholders are invited to engage in discussions either directly on the journal's website, through letters to the editor, or on external moderated platforms such as PubPeer.
2. **Moderation:** Discussions will be moderated to ensure civility and relevance. Contributions that adhere to the journal's guidelines for respectful discourse and contribute to the scholarly dialogue will be published or highlighted.

Corrections and Revisions:

1. **Correction Policy:** In the event that errors, inaccuracies, or omissions are identified in a published article, authors are encouraged to promptly notify the editorial office. Corrections will be made transparently and promptly, with a clear indication of the nature of the correction and its impact on the original article. A list of corrections will be published on the journal's website.
2. **Revision Policy:** Authors may request revisions to their published articles to address significant updates, additional data, or other substantive changes. Revision requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis, with careful editorial review and transparency about the changes made.

Retractions:

1. **Retraction Criteria:** Articles may be retracted if they contain significant errors or inaccuracies, if they are found to be based on research misconduct or ethical violations, or if they pose a serious risk to public health or safety. Retractions will be considered only after thorough investigation and consultation with relevant experts and stakeholders. A list of retractions will be published on the journal's website.
2. **Retraction Process:** Retractions will be accompanied by a clear statement explaining the reasons for the retraction, providing appropriate context, and minimizing harm to affected parties. Retracted articles will be clearly marked as such, and access will be restricted to prevent further dissemination of erroneous or misleading information.

Publication of Letters: Letters to the editor addressing issues related to published articles will be considered for publication in the journal. Letters deemed relevant and contributing to the scholarly discourse will be published alongside the original article or in a designated section of the journal.

Policy Review: This Post-publication Discussions and Corrections Policy will be periodically reviewed and updated to ensure alignment with evolving standards and best practices in scholarly publishing and research integrity.