

## Research Ethics Policy

Tucker Publications is committed to upholding the integrity of the work we publish. The value of academic publishing relies on everyone involved behaving ethically. We encourage our authors and editors to refer to the [Committee on Publication Ethics \(COPE\) website](#). SAGE believes strongly in maintaining an accurate academic record and follows COPE's [Principles of Transparency and Best Practice in Scholarly Publishing](#). If you are unsure of a journal-related ethical issue, you might find the answer in COPE's wealth of materials, but if you have any questions or concerns please also feel free to contact the Editor of the Journal, or the SAGE Publishing Editor, or you can [email us](#).

## The Process for Handling Cases Requiring Corrections, Retractions, and Editorial Expressions of Concern

### Version of Record and Corrections Policy

In an effort to better serve our researchers, librarians, and others in the academic community, Tucker Publications believes clarity in the publishing record is a critical component of information distribution. Recognizing a published article as a finalized "Version of Record" establishes the expectation that it can be relied upon as accurate, complete, and citable. Tucker Publications defines this Version of Record as the article paginated in a volume and issue.

Because articles can be read and cited as soon as they are published, any changes thereafter could potentially impact those who read and cited the earlier version. Publishing an erratum or corrigendum increases the likelihood readers will find out about the change and also explains the specifics of the change.

### Retractions

When an article is published in an issue, it is considered the Version of Record. Tucker Publications is committed to preserving the integrity and transparency of the Version of Record. If a significant error is discovered, SAGE may publish an erratum or corrigendum notice to alert all readers.

Tucker Publications takes issues of copyright infringement, plagiarism and other breaches of best practice in publication very seriously. In the rare cases where a breach of publication ethics or copyright infringement are discovered, Tucker Publications reserves the right to take appropriate action to correct the academic record, including but not limited to: publishing an erratum or corrigendum; publishing an expression of concern linked to the article; retracting the article and publishing an accompanying retraction notice; or removing an article for legal reasons and replacing the removed article with a notice.

### Editorial Expressions of Concern

In addition, Tucker Publications does not tolerate fraudulent activities, including manipulating the peer review process and the use of submission or review farms (not legitimate third-party submission agencies). Where Tucker Publications has strong suspicions or evidence of such activities, unpublished contributions will be automatically disqualified from further consideration in the journal. In the event that there is evidence of such activity on a published paper, Tucker Publications will organize for the

paper to be re-reviewed, in accordance with guidance from the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE). An editorial decision will be made based on the re-reviews and this may result in correcting the academic record, such as a correction notice, expression of concern or a retraction. In addition, Tucker Publications reserves the right to inform the relevant institutions or affiliations.