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Editorial

Editorial Policies and Ethical Framework of Engineering Dynamics and Applied Sciences

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Abstract: This editorial outlines the editorial policies and ethical framework of Engineering Dynamics and Applied Sciences (EDAS). It presents the journal's approach to peer review, authorship, publication ethics, open access, plagiarism prevention, data integrity, and the responsible use of artificial intelligence. By aligning its policies with internationally recognized standards, including COPE guidelines, EDAS aims to ensure transparency, fairness, and academic integrity in the dissemination of engineering and applied sciences research.

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1 Introduction

The credibility and long-term impact of a scholarly journal depend not only on the quality of the research it publishes but also on the transparency, fairness, and integrity of its editorial policies. Engineering Dynamics and Applied Sciences is committed to maintaining the highest standards of academic publishing by adopting clear, ethical, and internationally recognized policies governing peer review, authorship, publication ethics, data integrity, and emerging challenges such as the responsible use of artificial intelligence.

This editorial outlines the guiding principles and policy framework that underpin the editorial and publication practices of EDAS, ensuring trust among authors, reviewers, readers, and indexing bodies.

2 Peer Review Policy

EDAS employs a rigorous and transparent peer review process designed to ensure objectivity, scientific validity, and relevance. To accommodate diverse disciplinary norms and author preferences, the journal allows authors to choose between single-blind and double-blind peer review at the time of submission. In single-blind review, reviewers remain anonymous while author identities are disclosed to reviewers. In double-blind review, both author and reviewer identities are concealed to minimize potential bias. Regardless of the model selected, all manuscripts undergo an initial editorial screening followed by evaluation by at least two independent experts. Final publication decisions are made by the Editor-in-Chief based on reviewers' recommendations, scholarly merit, and alignment with the journal's scope.

3 Authorship and Author Changes

EDAS recognizes authorship as a significant scholarly responsibility. Authorship is limited to individuals who have made substantial intellectual contributions to the conception, design, execution, or interpretation of the research and who approve the final manuscript and accept accountability for its content. The journal strictly prohibits unethical authorship practices, including guest, ghost, and gift authorship. Any proposed changes to authorship after submission are subject to strict scrutiny and are permitted only under exceptional circumstances, with documented justification and written consent from all listed authors. Such requests are evaluated and approved solely at the discretion of the Editor-in-Chief.

4 Publication Ethics and Malpractice Prevention

EDAS adheres to the principles and guidelines established by the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE). Authors, reviewers, and editors are expected to uphold the highest standards of ethical conduct. Authors must ensure originality, proper citation of sources, accurate reporting of data, and full disclosure of conflicts of interest. Redundant or concurrent submissions are not permitted. Reviewers are expected to maintain confidentiality, provide objective and constructive assessments, disclose conflicts of interest, and complete reviews in a timely manner. Editors are responsible for ensuring fair evaluation, confidentiality, and the ethical handling of manuscripts, including appropriate responses to allegations of misconduct.

5 Plagiarism, Duplicate Submission, and Misconduct Handling

All submissions to EDAS are screened using plagiarism detection tools. The journal maintains a strict plagiarism policy, and manuscripts exceeding the permitted similarity threshold or containing unethical reuse of content are rejected. If misconduct is identified after publication, EDAS follows COPE-recommended procedures, which may include corrections, retractions, or expressions of concern, along with institutional notification when necessary.

6 Withdrawal, Corrections, and Retractions

To preserve the integrity of the scholarly record, EDAS has established clear procedures for manuscript withdrawal, post-publication corrections, and retractions. Withdrawals are permitted prior to publication upon formal request. Corrections are issued for honest errors that do not invalidate the work, while retractions are reserved for serious issues such as data fabrication, plagiarism, or unethical research practices. All actions are taken transparently and documented publicly.

7 Privacy and Data Protection

The journal is committed to protecting the privacy of authors, reviewers, and readers. Personal data collected during submission, review, and publication processes is used exclusively for journal operations and is handled in accordance with applicable data protection standards. EDAS does not share personal information with third parties beyond what is necessary for indexing and publication purposes.

8 Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence

Recognizing the growing role of artificial intelligence in scholarly publishing, EDAS permits the responsible use of AI tools for limited purposes such as language editing, data analysis, or technical assistance. However, AI tools must not replace human intellectual contribution. Authors and reviewers are required to disclose significant AI usage, and responsibility for the integrity, originality, and accuracy of published content remains entirely with the human contributors.

9 Reviewer Guidelines and Editorial Responsibility

Reviewers play a central role in maintaining the quality of the journal. EDAS expects reviewers to adhere to principles of confidentiality, objectivity, timeliness, and ethical awareness. While reviewers provide expert recommendations, final editorial decisions rest with the Editor-in-Chief, ensuring consistency and accountability in publication outcomes.

10 Concluding Remarks

Through these policies, Engineering Dynamics and Applied Sciences affirms its commitment to ethical publishing, transparency, and scholarly excellence. By aligning its editorial framework with internationally accepted standards, EDAS seeks to foster trust, encourage responsible research practices, and contribute meaningfully to the advancement of engineering and applied sciences.