Publication Best Practices
Transparency, Confidentiality and Cooperation

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Common Goal

• Protect research record and research integrity

• Cooperation And Liaison Between Universities And Editors (CLUE): Recommendations On Best Practice
  • [https://www.biorxiv.org/content/early/2017/05/19/139170](https://www.biorxiv.org/content/early/2017/05/19/139170)
Key Issues

- Identifying who to contact
  - At institution
  - At journals and publishers
  - International authors

- Sharing of information between parties
  - Confidentiality concerns
  - Timing concerns
    - At time data is known false or after institutional findings
  - “Off record” communication needs

- Prioritizing federal versus institutional findings
  - Are institutional RM findings enough?
Key Issues

- Journals contacting authors first
  - Compromises to institutional processes
  - When should they go to institution first?

- Deciding when to correct the research record
  - when all processes are complete vs. when record is known to be false or plagiarized
  - Considerations for co-authors

- Determining what is a sufficient correction or retraction
  - Minimum elements required by journals
  - Transparent language
Looking forward how do we . . .

• Develop trust between parties
• Build better avenues for communication
• Identify proper contacts at institutions and journals
• Create guidance for when journals should contact institutions first

• Ultimately, compromise to support our common goal