

Integrity in Research and Publication

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Although the concept of integrity in human actions is universal and inherent to any relationship in a civilized society, some guidance should be given to specific situations to set standards of good practice. In times of great academic pressure to publish, double care is necessary to preserve the integrity of research and to prevent publication misconduct.

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Our journal also supports the Singapore Statement on Research Integrity, an international initiative that discloses fundamental principles and professional responsibilities related to research and publication integrity. During the 2nd World Conference on Research Integrity, July 2010, in Singapore, scholars, researchers, funders, representatives of research institutions and publishers from all over the world developed this global guide to the responsible conduct of research. In synergy with this scenario, the Revista

Odonto Ciência (Journal of Dental Science) attended the First Brazilian Meeting on Research Integrity, Science and Publication Ethics (I BRISPE), in December 2010. One of the goals of the meeting was “to stimulate the involvement of the country’s academic community in the development of policies and in decision making concerning ethics and research integrity at the international level”.

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- Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE)
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- First Brazilian Meeting on Research Integrity, Science and Publication Ethics (I BRISPE)
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