Retractions: COPE guidance and newer developments

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Retraction is a mechanism for correcting the literature and alerting readers to publications that contain such seriously flawed or erroneous data that their findings and conclusions cannot be relied upon…

• the findings have previously been published elsewhere without proper crossreferencing, permission or justification (i.e. cases of redundant publication)

“…the main purpose of retractions is to correct the literature and ensure its integrity rather than to punish authors.”

September 2009
Elizabeth Wager, Virginia Barbour, Steven Yentis, Sabine Kleinert on behalf of COPE Council
Cases

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**Withdrawing from authorship**

**CASE NUMBER:** 17-10

**YEAR:** 2017

**RESOLUTION:** On-going

**Editor found guilty of research misconduct**

**CASE NUMBER:** 17-08

**YEAR:** 2017
Retractions are slow...
Why might we change approach?

• New technology
  – Need for better audit trails of papers
  – Purpose of retractions drifting

• Advantages
  – Increased speed
  – Linkage of versions
New Results

Amending Published Articles: Time To Rethink Retractions And Corrections?

Virginia Barbour, Theodora Bloom, Jennifer Lin, Elizabeth Moylan

• One term: any post-publication change is an amendment
• Differentiate between the scale of amendment
• Differentiate between versions of an article

Open for discussion.