

Journal of the National Hispanic Medical Association (JNHMA)

Corrections, Retractions, and Expressions of Concern Policy

Purpose

The Journal of the National Hispanic Medical Association (JNHMA) is committed to preserving the integrity, accuracy, and transparency of the scholarly record. When errors or concerns are identified after publication, the Journal will take timely and appropriate action consistent with the recommendations of the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) and the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE).

Corrections

JNHMA will publish a correction (erratum or corrigendum) when an error affects the accuracy, clarity, or completeness of a published article but does not invalidate the overall findings or conclusions.

Examples of corrections include, but are not limited to:

- Author names or affiliations.
- Errors in tables, figures, or references.
- Data transcription errors.
- Typographical or formatting errors that affect interpretation.
- Other factual inaccuracies.

Corrections will:

- Be published as soon as practicable after verification.
- Clearly describe the nature of the correction.
- Cite and electronically link to the original publication.
- Be included in the Journal's Table of Contents to facilitate indexing and discoverability.

Updated electronic versions of articles will identify the date and nature of each correction. Previous versions will be archived to preserve the publication record and will indicate that a more recent version is available.

The corrected version constitutes the version of record for citation purposes unless otherwise noted.

Retractions

JNHMA may retract an article when there is clear evidence that the published findings are unreliable due to:

- Research misconduct.
- Fabrication or falsification of data.
- Plagiarism.
- Duplicate or redundant publication.
- Significant methodological or analytical errors that invalidate the conclusions.
- Unethical research practices.
- Other circumstances that substantially compromise the integrity of the published work.

Retraction decisions may be initiated by the authors, editors, publisher, or an author's institution following appropriate investigation.

Retraction notices will:

- Be freely accessible.
- Clearly state the reason for the retraction.
- Be permanently linked to the original article.
- Identify who requested or authorized the retraction whenever appropriate.

The original article will remain part of the permanent scholarly record but will be clearly identified as retracted on every electronic version.

Expressions of Concern

When credible concerns regarding the integrity or reliability of a published article are under investigation and sufficient evidence is not yet available to support either a correction or retraction, JNHMA may publish an Expression of Concern.

An Expression of Concern will remain associated with the article until the investigation is concluded and an appropriate editorial action has been taken.

Version Control

The Journal maintains a complete publication history for each article. Updated electronic versions will clearly identify:

- The date of revision.
- The nature of the changes.
- Links to previous versions when applicable.

Archived versions will be retained to preserve the integrity of the scholarly record.

Editorial Responsibility

Editors will evaluate all reported errors and concerns promptly, fairly, and confidentially. Authors will be given an opportunity to respond before final editorial decisions are made whenever appropriate.

When necessary, the Journal may consult independent experts, institutional officials, or other qualified parties during investigations.

Guiding Principles

JNHMA is committed to maintaining an accurate and trustworthy scientific record. Editorial decisions regarding corrections, retractions, and other post-publication actions are made solely to protect the integrity of the scholarly literature and are independent of external or commercial interests.

The Journal follows the principles and recommendations of the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) and the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE) in addressing corrections, retractions, and other matters affecting publication ethics.