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Rules of publication ethics applicable to the Publisher:

1. The aim of the Quarterly is to promote national and global knowledge of disability in the Polish society. The publisher publishes peer-reviewed scientific articles that make a significant contribution to the development of science in the field of broadly understood rehabilitation of people with disabilities. In addition, it conducts a publishing policy that contributes to the dissemination of research-based knowledge about disability in the international arena.
2. The Publishing Board (Editorial Team, Programme Council and Publisher) decides whether to accept the publishing proposal for the plan, taking into account the journal's profile, its subject matter, originality and usefulness for the recipients (representatives of science, representatives of the government and local government administration who implement the State policy in the field of broadly understood rehabilitation of disabled people on the daily basis and practitioners who actively participate in the implementation of this policy, i.e. entrepreneurs and third sector representatives).
3. 3. The publisher shall use all available measures to prevent plagiarism and the

publication of false data.

4. The publisher counteracts such negative phenomena as ghostwriting (ghost authorship - omission from the list of authorship of the persons who created the publication) and guest authorship (guest or courtesy authorship - assigning authorship to persons who did not participate in creating the work).
5. The publisher requires the Authors of the publication to disclose the contribution of individual Authors to its creation with the main responsibility being borne by the Author submitting the work.
6. The publisher requires information on the sources of financing the publication, the contribution of scientific and research institutions, associations and other entities.
7. The publisher shall document all manifestations of scientific unreliability, in particular breaches and violations of the rules of ethics in force in science, and the institutions employing the Authors and all the institutions concerned shall be informed of any detected cases.
8. The publisher undertakes to respect the authors' personal copyrights, and in particular to respect the right to authorship and to decide on the method of marking the authorship, taking care of the reputation and good fame of the Authors and the work.
9. The publisher shall pursue an independent and impartial publishing policy.
10. The publisher makes decisions about accepting the works for printing in an open and transparent manner.
11. The publisher ensures a reliable and professional publishing process, including the editorial process.
12. The publisher maintains high editorial standards.
13. The publisher ensures the confidentiality and security of personal data processing.

Ethical principles binding on the Authors:

1. Authors are obliged to provide the publisher with an original work that cannot constitute in any part of the plagiarism, i.e. the appropriation of someone else's work, data or ideas in whole or in part, without this being indicated in the text, and auto-plagiarism (duplication of publications), i.e. the publication of one's own work in whole or in part in more than one publishing house.
2. The authors declare that they have read with the Publisher's Code of Publication Ethics.
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The rules of reviewing scientific publications are presented in the tab entitled "Review procedure".

Obligatory statements for the Authors of publications in the Quarterly are presented in the tab entitled "Information for Authors".

Assistance and advice on compliance with publishing ethics is provided in the [Code of Conduct of the Publishing Ethics Committee](#).

[Polish version of the translation of COPE standards](#).

[Evaluation of the quality of scientific activity - Guide of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education](#).

## Ghostwriting firewall

Integrity in science is one of the foundations of scientific quality. Readers should be assured that the authors of publications present the results of their work in a transparent, fair and honest way, regardless of whether they are the original authors or have used the help of a specialized entity (a natural or a legal person).

What is a ghostwriting firewall?

Transparency of information regarding the contribution of entities to preparing a publication (content-related, material, financial input, etc.) is the proof of an ethical attitude of a researcher as well as high editorial standards of the journal which publishes his/her work. It is also a manifestation of good practice and social responsibility.

*"Ghostwriting"* and *"guest authorship"* are practices that violate the ethical norms accepted in research. *"Ghostwriting"* is the process whereby a person makes a substantial contribution to a publication, without revealing their share in the work as one of the authors or without being credited in the acknowledgements to the publication. *"Guest authorship (or honorary authorship)"* is a situation in which a person listed as an author/co-author of a publication has contributed little or not at all to the creation of the publication, and yet is mentioned as its author (co-author).

To prevent cases of "ghostwriting" and "guest authorship", the Editorial Office should introduce relevant procedures specific to the represented field or discipline of science or

implement the following solutions:

1. The Editorial Office should require from the authors to disclose and notify the Editor of the contribution of all individual authors in the creation of the manuscript submitted for publication (with their affiliations and information on contributions from each author regarding the study concept and design, the assumptions, methods, and protocols used in the preparation of the paper, etc). The corresponding author holds the main responsibility for providing correct information in this respect.
2. The Editorial Office should clarify in "Information for Authors" section that "ghostwriting" and "guest authorship" are examples of scientific misconduct. Any such detected cases will be revealed and the relevant bodies (affiliate institutions, scientific societies, associations of scientific editors, etc.) will be notified.
3. Authors are required to disclose information about the sources of funding of their publication as well as about the contribution of research institutions, associations and other entities ("financial disclosure").
4. The Editorial Office should document all forms of scientific misconduct, especially violations of the rules of scientific ethics.

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