

## Letter to the Editor

## Editor and the Author and Retractions

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We read the publication titled, "The Editor and the Author at Fault: A Lesson From Recent Retractions" with great interest.<sup>1</sup> The case of misconduct due to fake peer reviewing is reported. In fact, the peer review is the standard process to confirm the scientific process in manuscript reviewing of any standard scientific journal. How to find a good peer review is usually an important issue for any journal. Many journals allow the corresponding author to suggest possible peer reviewers and this is the starting point of the misconduct.<sup>2</sup> Indeed, the journal should have its own list of reviewer and the selection of peer reviewers should not be based on suggestions from authors. The journal should be allowed to suggest the peer reviewer that should not be selected due to existence of conflict of interest for the submitted work only. Finally, the journal should seek a way to perform reviews of

peer reviews to guarantee reliability of the process. Ethical issues regarding peer reviewing and reviewers have become an interesting new issue to be addressed.<sup>3</sup>

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None.


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Not applicable.

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