Antifraud editorial policy in Spanish and Latin American scientific publication: JCR social sciences edition

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INTRODUCTION



The scientific publishing process of should be based on credibility, truth and authenticity. The inclusion of ethical standards in the scientific editorial policy is conceived as a preventive and dissuasive measure of inappropriate behavior.



Due to the lack of attention to research ethics in the Social Sciences and, in particular, in Spain and Latin America, this research analyzes the anti-fraud editorial policy of the Spanish and Latin American journals indexed in the JCR in Social Sciences (2014).



We will observe whether there is a significant association between the journal's impact factor and the ethical principles contemplated.

MATERIAL AND METHOD



Transversal study of 48 Spanish and 59 Latin American scientific journals

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Ethical principles: (1) the rights of people involved in the research; (2) the welfare of animals used in research; (3) conflicts of interest; and (4) publication issues



Scientific publishing societies such as ICMJE and COPE

ANALYSIS AND RESULTS

Results suggest that publication issues



such as unpublished research and the ban on simultaneous submission are the most frequently cited ethical issues.

CONCLUSIONS



Non-standarized fraud misconduct guidelines



The development of a uniform code of ethics in the field of Social Sciences may be required.



Future studies should address the analysis of effective compliance with anti-fraud editorial policies



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