

Publishing Policies for Annual of Natural Sciences Department

IV. Publishing ethics and actions in case of malpractice

IV.1. General terms

Annual of Natural Sciences Department follows best practices and ethical standards in correcting omissions and errors, as well as downloading content when necessary. Preventing misuse of publications is one of the most important responsibilities of our editorial board. Any unethical action is unacceptable to us and plagiarism is not tolerated. The author declares the originality of the publication by submitting his manuscript.

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