

Good practices and ethical principles

Buenas prácticas y principios éticos

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Dear Editor:

We read the publication on “Good practices and ethical principles: as necessary as ever” with a great interest ⁽¹⁾. Solari mentioned that “Frequent examples of scientific misconduct that can be found in local magazines are problems of authorship, redundant publication and plagiarism and lack of declaration of conflict of interest ⁽¹⁾.” Indeed, the ethical problem can be detectable in both local and international publications and the problem is usually due to the unethical practitioner. It is no doubt that the recommendations and standard guidelines are useful as resources or code of conduct. Nevertheless, the issue that might be little mentioned is the bad unethical practice and its corresponding management. It is interesting that although there are plenty of ethical codes and tool for prevention of academic and scientific misconduct but the misconducts still occur worldwide. The possible rooted causes of the problem might be the rooted bad manner of some unethical practitioners and lack of good system for management of the unethical misconduct case. In some settings, the neglecting on

the over identified cases by the institute might be observable ⁽²⁾. Some bad role models exist and it is not believable that some unethical practitioners presently hold the position as professor, dean or chancellor. How the academic scientific community can collaborate to manage the problem is the interesting question for further thinking.

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