Supplementary file 4: Detailed survey responses

Table 1: Researchers' perceptions of irresponsible research reporting practices

Health research reporting practice Total n=198	This is acceptable	This is not best practice, but it does not really matter, as it doesn't affect the science	This is unacceptable	
	n (%)	n (%)	n (%)	
Authorship practices				
Adding the head of department who	26 (13)	43 (22)	129 (65)	
has not contributed sufficiently	20 (13)	43 (22)		
Adding an expert in the field who has		43 (22)	134 (68)	
not contributed sufficiently to the	21 (11)			
research				
Acknowledging a biostatistician for			66 (33)	
assistance with data analysis (as	127 (64)	5 (3)		
opposed to listing as an author)				
Omitting an author who has			195 (98)	
contributed substantially to the	1 (0.5)	2 (1)		
research				
Redundant publication	1			
Text-recycling (using one's own work			141 (71)	
from a previous publication in	34 (17)	23 (12)		
another)				
Plagiarism	_			
Translating a text without	3 (2)	6 (3)	189 (95)	
acknowledging the original source	3 (2)	- (3)	103 (53)	
Copying an idea without				
acknowledgement of the original	5 (3)	15 (8)	178 (90)	
source				
Conflict of interest	1			
Not declaring previous financial			173 (87)	
reimbursement from a company	13 (7)	12 (6)		
involved in a research project				
Not declaring the wife's link to a		21 (11)	151 (76)	
company involved in a research	26 (13)			
project				

Table 2: Researchers' awareness of occurrence of irresponsible research reporting practices

Health reporting practice Total n=198	Have done this before n (%)	Have not done this but <i>are</i> aware of other people doing it n (%)	Have not done this and are not aware of other people doing it n (%)		
Authorship practices	11 (70)	11 (70)	11 (70)		
Adding the head of department who has not contributed sufficiently	48 (24)	113 (57)	37 (19)		
Adding an expert in the field who has not contributed sufficiently to the research	42 (21)	103 (52)	53 (27)		
Acknowledging a biostatistician for assistance with data analysis (as opposed to listing as an author)	103 (52)	60 (30)	35 (18)		
Omitting an author who has contributed substantially to the research	4 (2)	83 (42)	111 (56)		
Redundant publication					
Text-recycling (using one's own work from a previous publication in another)	22 (11)	95 (48)	80 (40)		
Plagiarism	Plagiarism				
Translating a text without acknowledging the original source)	4 (2)	73 (37)	121 (61)		
Copying an idea without acknowledgement	5 (3)	84 (42)	109 (55)		
Conflict of interest					
Not declaring previous financial reimbursement from a company involved in a research project)	5 (3)	85 (43)	108 (55)		
Not declaring the wife's link to a company involved in a research project	3 (2)	58 (29)	137 (69)		

Table 3: Occurrence of irresponsible health research reporting practices in respondents' current institution

Health reporting practice Total n=198	Happens most of the time	Happens occasionally	Happens rarely	Never happens	Don't know	
	n (%)	n (%)	n (%)	n (%)	n (%)	
Authorship practices						
Adding the head of department who has not contributed sufficiently	26 (13)	78 (39)	49 (25)	35 (18)	10 (5)	
Adding an expert in the field who has not contributed sufficiently to the research	26 (13)	65 (33)	49 (25)	51 (26)	7 (4)	
Acknowledging a biostatistician for assistance with data analysis (as opposed to listing as an author)	70 (35)	62 (31)	34 (17)	22 (11)	10 (5)	
Omitting an author who has contributed substantially to the research	2 (1)	28 (14)	51 (26)	103 (52)	14 (7)	
Redundant publication						
Text-recycling (using one's own work from a previous publication in another)	16 (8)	50 (25)	52 (26)	56 (28)	24 (12)	
Plagiarism						
Translating a text without acknowledging the original source	3 (2)	24 (12)	47 (24)	101 (52)	23 (12)	
Copying an idea without acknowledgement	2 (1)	24 (12)	59 (30)	91 (46)	22 (11)	
Conflict of interest						
Not declaring previous financial reimbursement from a company involved in a research project	3 (2)	30 (15)	47 (24)	95 (48)	23 (12)	
Not declaring the wife's link to a company involved in a research project	1 (0.5)	14 (7)	41 (21)	110 (56)	32 (16)	