**The Global Publications Survey (GPS)**

Introducing the Global Survey of Peer-Reviewed Medical Publications: your chance to help inform and advance the peer-reviewed publications environment

The International Society for Medical Publications Professionals (ISMPP) is the founding sponsor of a major survey to understand the opportunities, issues and challenges related to the development and publication of peer-reviewed publications today. This survey will enable us to better address educational needs within different stakeholder groups involved in the development of peer-reviewed publications, and further advance and promote high global standards and practices that guide their development. Founding Sponsors have volunteered their expertise, time and resources to bring The GPS to you

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**Section 1 - Demographics and Core Questions**

Q3 Does your role include or involve medical publications, defined in this survey as publishing research in peer-reviewed medical journals?

* Yes
* No (will exit the survey)

If No Is Selected, Then Skip To End of Survey

Q4 How long have you been involved with peer-reviewed medical publications?

* < 2 years
* 2 to <5 years
* 5 to <10 years
* ≥10years

Q5 What academic qualifications do you hold? (check all that apply)

* Bachelors degree
* Masters degree
* PhD/PharmD or other doctoral degree
* MD or other medical qualification
* Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q6 Are you a Certified Medical Publication Professional (CMPP)?

* Yes
* No

Answer If Do you have CMPP certification? No Is Selected

Q7 Please describe why you have chosen not to undertake this certification? (check all that apply)

* Not relevant to my role
* Not supported by my senior managers
* Not sufficiently recognized
* Not required by my clients
* Cost is prohibitive
* Not aware of CMPP
* I have other professional certificates (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q8 Where do you or your organization routinely go for current information on guidelines for ethical medical publication practices?  (check all that apply)

* Good Publication Practice 2 (GPP2)
* ICMJE uniform requirements
* Enhancing the QUAlity and Transparency Of health Research (EQUATOR)
* Experts in-house (or external advisors)
* International Society for Medical Publications Professionals (ISMPP)
* Professional Medical Writers Association (eg. AMWA/EMWA)
* Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE)
* Council of Science Editors (CSE)
* Association of Clinical Researchers and Educators (ACRE)
* Medical Publishing Insights and Practices (MPIP)
* Social media/networking groups (please specify)
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q9 How do you educate yourself on current guidelines and best practices? (check all that apply)

* Provided by the organization that I work for
* Through industry/professional associations
* Monitoring of the literature
* Member of social networking groups
* Undertaking professional qualifications
* Informal interactions with colleagues
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q10 In your opinion, how informed are each of the following professional groups with regard to guidelines for ethical publication practices e.g. GPP2 (using a scale of ‘1’ to ‘5’, where 1 = not well informed; 5 = very well informed; or ‘Don’t know')

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 1 - Not Well Informed | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 - Very Well Informed | Don’t know |
| Medical publications professionals in industry |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Medical publication professionals in agency |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Medical publications professionals in CRO |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Freelancer/ independent medical publications professionals |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Journal editors |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Publishers |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Academic researchers |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Clinical investigators |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| R&D in industry |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Q11 Is there a Code of Conduct governing ethical peer-reviewed medical publication practices in your organization?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know
* Not relevant

Answer If Is there a Code of Conduct governing ethical peer-reviewe... Yes Is Selected

Q12 Please indicate if this code is:

* Internal to your organization
* External to your organization

Answer If Is there a Code of Conduct governing ethical peer-reviewe... No Is Selected

Q13 Would having a global Code of Conduct enhance adherence to current peer-reviewed medical publication standards? (i.e. a code that includes a formal process to enable complaints to be reviewed and disciplinary action to be taken against individuals or organizations that do not comply with the Code)?

* Yes
* No
* Don’t know

Q14 Please indicate which type(s) of professional association(s) you are a member of. (check all that apply)

* A medical professional association
* An association linked to the pharmaceutical/medical device industry
* An association for medical writers
* An association for academic researchers/scientists
* An association for clinical researchers
* An association for medical journal editors or publishers
* A medical publications professional association
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Not a member of any professional associations

Q15 What type of organization do you currently work for? (check one)

* Pharmaceutical/biotech/medical device/diagnostics industry
* Agency involved in peer-reviewed medical publications
* CRO involved in peer-reviewed medical publications
* Freelancer/independent medical publications professional involved in peer-reviewed medical publications
* Medical journal
* Publishing company involved in medical publications
* Academic and/or medical institution or association
* Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Section 2 - Industry (Pharmaceutical, Biotech, Medical Devices, Diagnostics): Your Role**

Q17 Please select the category that best describes the geographic remit of your role.

* Global HQ
* Regional HQ
* National HQ
* Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Answer If Please select the category that best describes the geogra... Regional HQ Is Selected

Q18 Please specify which region best describes the remit of your role.

Answer If Please select the category that best describes the geogra... National HQ Is Selected

Q19 Please specify the national HQ that best describes the geographic remit of your role.

* Afghanistan
* Albania
* Algeria
* Andorra
* Angola
* Antigua & Deps
* Argentina
* Armenia
* Australia
* Austria
* Azerbaijan
* Bahamas
* Bahrain
* Bangladesh
* Barbados
* Belarus
* Belgium
* Belize
* Benin
* Bhutan
* Bolivia
* Bosnia Herzegovina
* Botswana
* Brazil
* Brunei
* Bulgaria
* Burkina
* Burundi
* Cambodia
* Cameroon
* Canada
* Cape Verde
* Central African Rep
* Chad
* Chile
* China
* Colombia
* Comoros
* Congo
* Congo {Democratic Rep}
* Costa Rica
* Croatia
* Cuba
* Cyprus
* Czech Republic
* Denmark
* Djibouti
* Dominica
* Dominican Republic
* East Timor
* Ecuador
* Egypt
* El Salvador
* Equatorial Guinea
* Eritrea
* Estonia
* Ethiopia
* Fiji
* Finland
* France
* Gabon
* Gambia
* Georgia
* Germany
* Ghana
* Greece
* Grenada
* Guatemala
* Guinea
* Guinea-Bissau
* Guyana
* Haiti
* Honduras
* Hungary
* Iceland
* India
* Indonesia
* Iran
* Iraq
* Ireland {Republic}
* Israel
* Italy
* Ivory Coast
* Jamaica
* Japan
* Jordan
* Kazakhstan
* Kenya
* Kiribati
* Korea North
* Korea South
* Kosovo
* Kuwait
* Kyrgyzstan
* Laos
* Latvia
* Lebanon
* Lesotho
* Liberia
* Libya
* Liechtenstein
* Lithuania
* Luxembourg
* Macedonia
* Madagascar
* Malawi
* Malaysia
* Maldives
* Mali
* Malta
* Marshall Islands
* Mauritania
* Mauritius
* Mexico
* Micronesia
* Moldova
* Monaco
* Mongolia
* Montenegro
* Morocco
* Mozambique
* Myanmar, {Burma}
* Namibia
* Nauru
* Nepal
* Netherlands
* New Zealand
* Nicaragua
* Niger
* Nigeria
* Norway
* Oman
* Pakistan
* Palau
* Panama
* Papua New Guinea
* Paraguay
* Peru
* Philippines
* Poland
* Portugal
* Qatar
* Romania
* Russian Federation
* Rwanda
* St Kitts & Nevis
* St Lucia
* Saint Vincent & the Grenadines
* Samoa
* San Marino
* Sao Tome & Principe
* Saudi Arabia
* Senegal
* Serbia
* Seychelles
* Sierra Leone
* Singapore
* Slovakia
* Slovenia
* Solomon Islands
* Somalia
* South Africa
* Spain
* Sri Lanka
* Sudan
* Suriname
* Swaziland
* Sweden
* Switzerland
* Syria
* Taiwan
* Tajikistan
* Tanzania
* Thailand
* Togo
* Tonga
* Trinidad & Tobago
* Tunisia
* Turkey
* Turkmenistan
* Tuvalu
* Uganda
* Ukraine
* United Arab Emirates
* United Kingdom
* United States
* Uruguay
* Uzbekistan
* Vanuatu
* Vatican City
* Venezuela
* Vietnam
* Yemen
* Zambia
* Zimbabwe

Q20 Please select the category that best describes the seniority of your role in industry.

* Executive/Department or Function Head
* Director/Team leader
* Publications Manager
* Researcher (preclinical, clinical or medical)
* Medical Writer/Editor
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q21 Please indicate the primary focus of the company for which you work.

* Pharmaceutical
* Biotech
* Devices/diagnostics
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q22 To your knowledge, approximately how many peer-reviewed manuscripts has your department supported in the last 12 months?

* None
* <10
* 10 to <30
* 30 to <100
* ≥100
* Don’t know

Answer If To your knowledge, approximately how many manuscripts has... None Is Selected

Q23 Do you expect your department to support manuscripts in the next 12 months?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Q24 Is your department operating according to the requirements of a U.S. government Corporate Integrity Agreement (CIA), even if not located in the U.S.?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Q25 Does your company have guidelines/SOP/policy or equivalent that drives ethical, peer-reviewed medical publications practices?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If Does your company have guidelines/SOP/policy or equivalen... Yes Is Selected

Q26 Are these global standards?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If Does your company have guidelines/SOP/policy or equivalen... Yes Is Selected

Q27 Are any of these publicly disclosed?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If Does your company have guidelines/SOP/policy or equivalen... Yes Is Selected

Q28 Is mandatory training on ethical practices provided to the medical publications professionals in your company?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If Is mandatory training on ethical practices provided to th... Yes Is Selected

Q29 Are training updates mandated at least annually?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If Does your company have guidelines/SOP/policy or equivalen... Yes Is Selected

Q30 Is mandatory training provided to other employees involved in peer-reviewed medical publications, even if these are not the main focus of their role (e.g. an internal researcher who will be an author on a paper)?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Q31 Is there a formal, regular process to monitor internal adherence to your standards?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If Is there a formal, regular process to monitor internal ad... Yes Is Selected

Q32 If there is a formal process, how is it implemented? (check all that apply)

* Testing knowledge, at least annually
* Audits
* Reports from publication management tools
* Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don't know

Q33 Is training provided to third-party service providers involved in peer-reviewed medical publications (e.g. Agency and Freelancers/independent publications professionals)?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If Is training provided to third-party service providers inv... Yes Is Selected

Q34 How frequently is training provided to third-party service providers?

* At least annually
* At instigation of the relationship
* Ad hoc updates provided as guidelines change
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q35 Is there a formal, regular process to monitor third-party service providers’ adherence to your standards?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If Is there a formal, regular process to monitor third-party... Yes Is Selected

Q36 How is this formal process performed? (check all that apply)

* Testing knowledge, at least annually
* Audits
* Reports from publication management tools
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q37 In your department, what public disclosure of clinical trial results is required to fulfill obligations of data transparency?  (check all that apply)

* Posting summary results on public trial database/registry
* Abstract publication
* Peer- reviewed manuscript publication
* Posting summary results on company website
* Posting full clinical study report (e.g. on company website)
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q38 Does your department commit to peer-reviewed publication of results of all studies in humans)?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If Does your department commit to peer-reviewed publication ... No Is Selected

Q39 What are the exceptions? (check all that apply)

* Phase I studies
* Studies for which the company does not have control (Studies controlled by development partners, Investigator Initiated Studies)
* Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don't know

Answer If Does your department commit to peer-reviewed publication ... Yes Is Selected

Q40 Within what time frame do you commit to submit manuscripts for peer review?

* Within 12 months of last subject, last visit
* Within 18 months of last subject, last visit
* No timeframe mandated
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q41 In the last 12 months, approximately what percentage of the peer-reviewed manuscripts that your department has supported were published in open access journals?

* None
* <5%
* 5 to <10%
* 10 to <20%
* ≥20%
* Don’t know

Q42 In your opinion, how do you think the level of open access publications that your department will support will change over the next 2 years?

* Increase
* Stay the same
* Decrease
* Don’t know

Q43 From the list below, please rate the following reasons to publish in open access journals (using a scale of ‘1’ to ‘5’, where 1 = weak rationale; 5 = strong rationale)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 1 Weak Rationale | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Strong Rationale | Don’t know |
| Wider access to data |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Increased speed of publication |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Copyright retained with authors or company |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| It’s mandatory in my organization |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Q44 In what circumstances does your department support review articles? (check all that apply)

* We do not support review articles
* Where a scientific/medical or educational need has been identified
* If proposed by a journal editor/publisher
* If proposed by external authors
* If it is a systematic review
* If it is a narrative review
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q45 If your department supports review articles, please outline in what capacity? (check all that apply)

* Company author
* Review for scientific accuracy
* Providing data
* Financial support for professional medical writing/editing, statistical analysis or other assistance
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q46 In your company, which department directly manages the budget for peer-reviewed medical publications? (check all that apply)

* Medical Affairs
* Clinical Development
* Commercial (e.g. Sales and Marketing)
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q47 How are Commercial (e.g. Sales and Marketing) colleagues involved in peer-reviewed medical publications? (check all that apply)

* They are not involved
* They are provided with information only
* They are members of the Publication Planning Team
* They can suggest publications/journals for author consideration
* They can review draft manuscripts for accuracy
* They are part of the formal approval process
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q48 Thinking about phase III studies in particular, has your department organized/implemented publication steering committees or plan to implement such a committee within the next 6 months?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If Thinking about phase III studies in particular, has your ... Yes Is Selected

Q49 How often is this happening compared with 2 years ago?

* More often
* About the same
* Less often
* Don’t know

Q50 In your department, what data are routinely shared with authors for development of peer-reviewed medical publications? (check all that apply)

* Study protocol
* Statistical analysis plan
* Statistical reports
* Raw data/data tables
* Clinical Study Report (CSR)
* Summarized data
* An outline or draft manuscript
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q51 In the last 12 months, to your knowledge, how often has your department recommended to the lead author the removal of a co-author from a manuscript or abstract that was in development?

* Never
* Once
* More than once
* Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Answer If In the last 12 months, to your knowledge, how often has y... Once Is Selected Or In the last 12 months, to your knowledge, how often has y... More than once Is Selected

Q52 If once or more, please select the reasons. (check all that apply)

* Author did not meet authorship criteria
* Author did not agree to adhere to ethical publication practices
* Author did not agree to disclose medical writing support
* Author disagreed with the interpretation of the data
* Author disagreed with the order of authorship
* Internal author left the organization
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q53 In your department, are authorship obligations covered under formal agreements prior to each manuscript development?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Q54 In your opinion, who should take responsibility for educating authors on ethical peer-reviewed publication practices? (rank top 3, where 1 = primary responsibility)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Industry and its professional associations

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Third party service providers

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Medical professional associations

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Academic institutions (universities or hospitals)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Journal Editors and their professional associations

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Medical writing and publication professionals associations

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Government

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Don’t know

Q55 Does your department receive assistance from third party service providers in the development of publication plans? (check all that apply)

* No third party assistance
* Agencies
* CROs
* Self-employed/ independent publications professionals
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q56 In your opinion, what percentage of peer-reviewed medical publications in your publication plan are provided with some level of support from professional medical writers?

* <25%
* 25 to
* ≥50%
* Don’t know

Q57 In your department, over the past 12 months, how often has an author refused an offer of professional medical writing support for their manuscript?

* Never
* Once
* More than once
* Don’t know

Q58 In your opinion, is refusal happening more or less frequently than 2 years ago?

* More frequently
* About the same
* Less frequently
* Don’t know

Q59 Does your department ensure that authors acknowledge professional medical writing support within a peer-reviewed publication according to current guidelines?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Q60 In the last 12 months, have you had an author refuse to acknowledge professional writing support?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If In the last 12 months, have you had an author refuse to a... Yes Is Selected

Q61 How frequently has this occurred in the last 12 months?

* Once
* More than once
* Don’t know

Q62 In your opinion, is refusal happening more or less frequently than 2 years ago?

* More frequently
* About the same
* Less frequently
* Don’t know

Q63 In the last 12 months, how frequently has your department made a specific payment to  external authors for their time and commitment writing and reviewing a manuscript?

* Never
* Once
* More than once
* Don’t know

Answer If In the last 12 months, how frequently has your department... Once Is Selected Or In the last 12 months, how frequently has your department... More than once Is Selected

Q64 If payment has been made please describe the circumstances  (check all that apply)

* For statistical review
* For developing clinical manuscripts
* For developing review papers
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q65 In the past 12 months, how often do you think your department has experienced a journal rejecting a manuscript from a robust, well-designed clinical trial, on the grounds that it was associated with the pharmaceutical industry?

* Never
* Once
* More than once
* Don’t know

Answer If In the past 12 months, how often do you think your depart... Once Is Selected Or In the past 12 months, how often do you think your depart... More than once Is Selected

Q66 Please indicate which journal(s).

Q67 In the peer-reviewed medical publications that your department has supported over the past 12 months, how often has a journal required a professional medical writer to be included as an author?

* Never
* Once
* More than once
* Don't know

Answer If In the peer-reviewed medical publications that your depar... Once Is Selected Or In the peer-reviewed medical publications that your depar... More than once Is Selected

Q68 Please indicate which journal(s).

Q69 In the past 12 months, to your knowledge, has your department supported development of a peer-reviewed publication for a study (or studies) that did not meet the primary endpoint or could otherwise be construed as inconclusive or negative?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If In the past 12 months, to your knowledge, has your depart... Yes Is Selected

Q70 Has the paper(s) been accepted or published in a peer-reviewed journal?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If In the past 12 months, to your knowledge, has your depart... No Is Selected

Q71 If no, please select the reason(s) why. (check all that apply)

* The paper(s) has not yet been submitted for peer review
* The paper(s) was rejected
* The paper(s) was published, but not in a peer-reviewed journal
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q72 In the past 12 months, are you aware of any results from your company’s study (or studies) that did not meet the primary endpoint or could otherwise be construed as inconclusive or negative for which publication is not planned?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If In the past 12 months, are you aware of any results from ... Yes Is Selected

Q73 What reason(s) is given for non-publication? (check all that apply)

* Study did not meet primary endpoint
* Study was not conducted in humans
* Drug development has been discontinued
* Study was not well designed
* Study did not complete
* Additional studies are required to verify the findings
* Company does not like the results
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

**Section 3 – Agency: Your Role (Unless otherwise directed, please respond as an employee of an Agency, or a single division of a larger Agency network, rather than the parent company)**

Q81 Please select the category that best describes the geographic remit of your role.

* Global HQ
* Regional HQ
* National HQ
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Answer If Please select the category that best describes the geogra... Regional HQ Is Selected

Q82 Please specify which region best describes the remit of your role.

Answer If Please select the category that best describes the geogra... National Is Selected

Q83 Please specify the national HQ that best describes the geographic remit of your role.

* Afghanistan
* Albania
* Algeria
* Andorra
* Angola
* Antigua & Deps
* Argentina
* Armenia
* Australia
* Austria
* Azerbaijan
* Bahamas
* Bahrain
* Bangladesh
* Barbados
* Belarus
* Belgium
* Belize
* Benin
* Bhutan
* Bolivia
* Bosnia Herzegovina
* Botswana
* Brazil
* Brunei
* Bulgaria
* Burkina
* Burundi
* Cambodia
* Cameroon
* Canada
* Cape Verde
* Central African Rep
* Chad
* Chile
* China
* Colombia
* Comoros
* Congo
* Congo {Democratic Rep}
* Costa Rica
* Croatia
* Cuba
* Cyprus
* Czech Republic
* Denmark
* Djibouti
* Dominica
* Dominican Republic
* East Timor
* Ecuador
* Egypt
* El Salvador
* Equatorial Guinea
* Eritrea
* Estonia
* Ethiopia
* Fiji
* Finland
* France
* Gabon
* Gambia
* Georgia
* Germany
* Ghana
* Greece
* Grenada
* Guatemala
* Guinea
* Guinea-Bissau
* Guyana
* Haiti
* Honduras
* Hungary
* Iceland
* India
* Indonesia
* Iran
* Iraq
* Ireland {Republic}
* Israel
* Italy
* Ivory Coast
* Jamaica
* Japan
* Jordan
* Kazakhstan
* Kenya
* Kiribati
* Korea North
* Korea South
* Kosovo
* Kuwait
* Kyrgyzstan
* Laos
* Latvia
* Lebanon
* Lesotho
* Liberia
* Libya
* Liechtenstein
* Lithuania
* Luxembourg
* Macedonia
* Madagascar
* Malawi
* Malaysia
* Maldives
* Mali
* Malta
* Marshall Islands
* Mauritania
* Mauritius
* Mexico
* Micronesia
* Moldova
* Monaco
* Mongolia
* Montenegro
* Morocco
* Mozambique
* Myanmar, {Burma}
* Namibia
* Nauru
* Nepal
* Netherlands
* New Zealand
* Nicaragua
* Niger
* Nigeria
* Norway
* Oman
* Pakistan
* Palau
* Panama
* Papua New Guinea
* Paraguay
* Peru
* Philippines
* Poland
* Portugal
* Qatar
* Romania
* Russian Federation
* Rwanda
* St Kitts & Nevis
* St Lucia
* Saint Vincent & the Grenadines
* Samoa
* San Marino
* Sao Tome & Principe
* Saudi Arabia
* Senegal
* Serbia
* Seychelles
* Sierra Leone
* Singapore
* Slovakia
* Slovenia
* Solomon Islands
* Somalia
* South Africa
* Spain
* Sri Lanka
* Sudan
* Suriname
* Swaziland
* Sweden
* Switzerland
* Syria
* Taiwan
* Tajikistan
* Tanzania
* Thailand
* Togo
* Tonga
* Trinidad & Tobago
* Tunisia
* Turkey
* Turkmenistan
* Tuvalu
* Uganda
* Ukraine
* United Arab Emirates
* United Kingdom
* United States
* Uruguay
* Uzbekistan
* Vanuatu
* Vatican City
* Venezuela
* Vietnam
* Yemen
* Zambia
* Zimbabwe

Q84 Please select the category that best describes your role in the Agency.

* Executive/Department or Function Head
* Director/Team leader
* Medical Writer/Editor
* Account Manager/Client Services
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q85 To your knowledge, approximately how many peer-reviewed manuscripts has your Agency supported in the last 12 months?

* None
* 10 to
* 30 to
* ≥100
* Don’t know

Q86 What proportion of your Agency’s business revenues were related to peer-reviewed medical publications in the last 12 months?

* None
* 10 to
* 25 to
* 50 to
* ≥75%
* Don’t know

Q87 Does your Agency have guidelines/SOP/policy or equivalent that drives ethical peer-reviewed medical publications practices?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If Does your Agency have guidelines/SOP/policy or equivalent... Yes Is Selected

Q88 Are these global standards?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If Does your Agency have guidelines/SOP/policy or equivalent... Yes Is Selected

Q89 Are any of these publicly disclosed?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If Does your Agency have guidelines/SOP/policy or equivalent... Yes Is Selected

Q90 Is mandatory training provided to the medical publications professionals in your company?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If Is mandatory training provided to the medical publication... Yes Is Selected

Q91 Are training updates mandated at least annually?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Q92 Is there a formal, regular process to monitor internal adherence to your standards?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If Is there a formal, regular process to monitor internal ad... Yes Is Selected

Q93 If there is a formal process, how is it implemented? (check all that apply)

* Testing knowledge, at least annually
* Audits
* Reports from publication management tools
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q94 Is training provided to Freelancers (independent publications professionals) that work with your Agency?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If Is training provided to Freelancers (independent publicat... Yes Is Selected

Q95 How frequently does your agency provide training to freelancers? (check all that apply)

* At least annually
* At instigation of the relationship
* Ad hoc updates provided as guidelines change
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q96 Is there a formal, regular process to monitor Freelancers’ adherence to your standards?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If Is there a formal, regular process to monitor Freelancers... Yes Is Selected

Q97 If there is a formal process, how is it implemented? (check all that apply)

* Testing knowledge, at least annually
* Audits
* Reports from publication management tools
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q98 What proportion of your client companies have their own guidelines/SOPs/policies or equivalent that drive ethical peer-reviewed medical publications practices?

* None
* <10%
* 10 to <50%
* 50 to
* ≥90%
* Don’t know

Answer If What proportion of your client companies have their own g... None Is Not Selected Or What proportion of your client companies have their own g... Don’t know Is Not Selected

Q99 If clients do have guidelines/SOPs/policy, are these global standards?

* Most
* Some
* None
* Don't know

Answer If If clients do have guidelines/SOPs/policy,&nbsp;are these... Most Is Selected Or If clients do have guidelines/SOPs/policy,&nbsp;are these... Some Is Selected

Q100 Are any of these publicly disclosed?

* Most
* Some
* None
* Don't know

Q101 Is mandatory training provided to your Agency?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If Is mandatory training provided to your Agency? Yes Is Selected

Q102 How frequently is training provided? (check all that apply)

* At least annually
* At instigation of the relationship
* Ad hoc updates provided as guidelines change
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q103 Do any of your clients have a formal, regular process to monitor Agency adherence to their standards?

* Most
* Some
* None
* Don't know

Q104 Indicate what proportion of your clients use the following.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 0% | < 50% | 50 - 99% | 100% | Don&#39;t know |
| Testing knowledge, at least annually |  |  |  |  |  |
| Audits |  |  |  |  |  |
| Reports from publication management tools |  |  |  |  |  |

Q105 What role(s) does your Agency play in peer-reviewed publications? (check all that apply)

* Strategic services e.g. gap analyses to identify unmet educational needs
* Publication plan management, tracking all manuscripts within database systems
* Medical writing services for authors
* Editorial services for authors
* Authorship, when criteria are met
* Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q106 In the last 12 months, approximately what percentage of peer-reviewed manuscripts that your Agency has supported were published in open access journals?

* None
* <5%
* 5 to <10
* 10 to
* ≥20%
* Don’t know

Q107 In your opinion, how do you think the level of open access publications that your Agency will support will change over the next 2 years?

* Increase
* Stay the same
* Decrease
* Don’t know

Q108 From the list below, please rate each of the following reasons to publish in open access journals (using a scale of ‘1’ to ‘5’, where 1 = weak rationale ; 5 = strong rationale)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 1 Weak Rationale | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Strong Rationale | Don’t know |
| Wider access to data |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Increased speed of publication |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Copyright retained with authors or company |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| It’s mandatory in the organizations with which we work |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Q109 What data do your clients routinely share with authors for development of peer-reviewed medical publications? (check all that apply)

* Study protocol
* Statistical analysis plan
* Statistical reports
* Raw data/data tables
* Clinical Study Report (CSR)
* Summarized data
* An outline or draft manuscript
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q110 In the last 12 months, to your knowledge, how often has your Agency recommended to the lead author the removal of a co-author from a manuscript or abstract that was in development?

* Never
* Once
* More than once
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Answer If In the last 12 months, to your knowledge, how often has y... Once Is Selected Or In the last 12 months, to your knowledge, how often has y... More than once Is Selected

Q111 Please select the reasons. (check all that apply)

* Author did not meet authorship criteria
* Author did not agree to adhere to ethical publication practises
* Author did not agree to disclose medical writing support
* Author disagreed with the interpretation of the data
* Author disagreed with the order of authorship
* Internal author left the client organization
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q112 In your Agency, are authorship obligations covered under formal agreements between authors and client companies prior to each manuscript development?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Q113 In your opinion, who should take responsibility for educating authors on ethical peer-reviewed publication practices  (rank top 3, where 1=primary responsibility)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Industry and its professional associations

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Third party service providers (such as agencies and independent publication professionals)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Medical professional associations

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Academic institutions (universities or hospitals)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Journal Editors and their professional associations

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Medical writing and publication professionals associations

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Government

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify)

Q114 In your Agency, over the past 12 months, how often has an author refused an offer of professional medical writing support for their manuscript?

* Never
* Once
* More than once
* Don’t know

Q115 In your opinion, is refusal happening more or less frequently than 2 years ago?

* More frequently
* About the same
* Less frequently
* Don’t know

Q116 Does your Agency ensure that authors acknowledge professional medical writing support within a peer-reviewed publication according to current guidelines?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Q117 In the last 12 months, have you had an author refuse to acknowledge professional writing support?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If In the last 12 months, have you had an author refuse to a... Yes Is Selected

Q118 How frequently has this occurred in the last 12 months?

* Once
* More than once
* Don’t know

Q119 In your opinion, is refusal happening more or less frequently than 2 years ago?

* More frequently
* About the same
* Less frequently
* Don’t know

Q120 In the past 12 months, how often do you believe a journal has rejected a manuscript (from robust, well-designed clinical trials) that your Agency was involved with on the grounds that it was associated with the pharmaceutical industry?

* Never
* Once
* More than once
* Don't know

Answer If In the past 12 months, how often do you believe a journal... Once Is Selected Or In the past 12 months, how often do you believe a journal... More than once Is Selected

Q121 Please indicate which journal(s).

Q122 In the peer-reviewed medical publications that your Agency has supported over the past 12 months, how often has a journal requested a professional medical writer to be included as an author?

* Never
* Once
* More than once
* Don't know

Answer If In the peer-reviewed medical publications that your Agenc... Once Is Selected Or In the peer-reviewed medical publications that your Agenc... More than once Is Selected

Q123 Please indicate which journal(s).

Q124 In the past 12 months, to your knowledge, how frequently has your Agency been asked by a member of a client team or author to undertake a task that you understood may contravene ethical peer-reviewed publications practices?

* Never
* Once
* More than once
* Don’t know

Answer If In the past 12 months, to your knowledge, how frequently ... Once Is Selected Or In the past 12 months, to your knowledge, how frequently ... More than once Is Selected

Q125 How did your Agency respond?

* Refused to accept the work
* Explained the need for compliance, such that the request was withdrawn/amended appropriately
* Accepted the work, even though it was not amended after discussion about compliance
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q126 In the past 12 months, to your knowledge, has your Agency been involved in the development of a peer-reviewed publication for a study (or studies) that did not meet the primary endpoint or could otherwise be construed as inconclusive or negative?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If In the past 12 months, to your knowledge, has your Agency... Yes Is Selected

Q127 Has the paper(s) been accepted or published in a peer-reviewed journal?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If Has the paper(s) been accepted or published in a peer-rev... No Is Selected

Q128 Why hasn't the paper(s) been accepted or published in a peer-reviewed journal?

* The paper(s) has not yet been submitted for peer review
* The paper(s) was rejected
* The paper(s) was published, but not in a peer-reviewed journal
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q129 In the past 12 months, are you aware of any results from a client study (or studies) that did not meet the primary endpoint, or could otherwise be construed as inconclusive or negative, for which publication is not planned?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If In the past 12 months, are you aware of any results from ... Yes Is Selected

Q130 What reason is given for non-publication? (check all that apply)

* Study did not meet primary endpoint
* Study was not conducted in humans
* Drug development has been discontinued
* Study was not well designed
* Study did not complete
* Additional studies are required to verify the findings
* Company did not like the results
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q131 In the past 12 months, what proportion of your Agency’s medical publications work is outsourced to freelancers (independent medical publications professionals)?

* None
* <5%
* 5 to <10%
* 10 to <20%
* ≥20%

Answer If What proportion of your Agency’s medical publications wor... None Is Not Selected

Q132 When freelancers work with your Agency, do they? (check all that apply)

* Support development and/or management of publication plans?
* Provide medical writing assistance in support of peer-reviewed publications?
* Provide editorial assistance in support of peer-reviewed publications?
* Manage publications databases
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Answer If What proportion of your Agency’s medical publications wor... None Is Not Selected

Q133 Does your Agency draw up a formal contract with every freelancer prior to assigning any work?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

**Section 4 - CRO**

Q135 Please select the category that best describes the geographic remit of your role.

* Global HQ
* Regional HQ
* National HQ
* Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Answer If Please select the category that best describes the geogra... Regional HQ Is Selected

Q136 Please specify which region best describes the remit of your role.

Answer If Please select the category that best describes the geogra... National HQ Is Selected

Q137 Please specify the national HQ that best describes the geographic remit of your role.

* Afghanistan
* Albania
* Algeria
* Andorra
* Angola
* Antigua & Deps
* Argentina
* Armenia
* Australia
* Austria
* Azerbaijan
* Bahamas
* Bahrain
* Bangladesh
* Barbados
* Belarus
* Belgium
* Belize
* Benin
* Bhutan
* Bolivia
* Bosnia Herzegovina
* Botswana
* Brazil
* Brunei
* Bulgaria
* Burkina
* Burundi
* Cambodia
* Cameroon
* Canada
* Cape Verde
* Central African Rep
* Chad
* Chile
* China
* Colombia
* Comoros
* Congo
* Congo {Democratic Rep}
* Costa Rica
* Croatia
* Cuba
* Cyprus
* Czech Republic
* Denmark
* Djibouti
* Dominica
* Dominican Republic
* East Timor
* Ecuador
* Egypt
* El Salvador
* Equatorial Guinea
* Eritrea
* Estonia
* Ethiopia
* Fiji
* Finland
* France
* Gabon
* Gambia
* Georgia
* Germany
* Ghana
* Greece
* Grenada
* Guatemala
* Guinea
* Guinea-Bissau
* Guyana
* Haiti
* Honduras
* Hungary
* Iceland
* India
* Indonesia
* Iran
* Iraq
* Ireland {Republic}
* Israel
* Italy
* Ivory Coast
* Jamaica
* Japan
* Jordan
* Kazakhstan
* Kenya
* Kiribati
* Korea North
* Korea South
* Kosovo
* Kuwait
* Kyrgyzstan
* Laos
* Latvia
* Lebanon
* Lesotho
* Liberia
* Libya
* Liechtenstein
* Lithuania
* Luxembourg
* Macedonia
* Madagascar
* Malawi
* Malaysia
* Maldives
* Mali
* Malta
* Marshall Islands
* Mauritania
* Mauritius
* Mexico
* Micronesia
* Moldova
* Monaco
* Mongolia
* Montenegro
* Morocco
* Mozambique
* Myanmar, {Burma}
* Namibia
* Nauru
* Nepal
* Netherlands
* New Zealand
* Nicaragua
* Niger
* Nigeria
* Norway
* Oman
* Pakistan
* Palau
* Panama
* Papua New Guinea
* Paraguay
* Peru
* Philippines
* Poland
* Portugal
* Qatar
* Romania
* Russian Federation
* Rwanda
* St Kitts & Nevis
* St Lucia
* Saint Vincent & the Grenadines
* Samoa
* San Marino
* Sao Tome & Principe
* Saudi Arabia
* Senegal
* Serbia
* Seychelles
* Sierra Leone
* Singapore
* Slovakia
* Slovenia
* Solomon Islands
* Somalia
* South Africa
* Spain
* Sri Lanka
* Sudan
* Suriname
* Swaziland
* Sweden
* Switzerland
* Syria
* Taiwan
* Tajikistan
* Tanzania
* Thailand
* Togo
* Tonga
* Trinidad & Tobago
* Tunisia
* Turkey
* Turkmenistan
* Tuvalu
* Uganda
* Ukraine
* United Arab Emirates
* United Kingdom
* United States
* Uruguay
* Uzbekistan
* Vanuatu
* Vatican City
* Venezuela
* Vietnam
* Yemen
* Zambia
* Zimbabwe

Q138 Please select the category that best describes your role in the CRO.

* Executive/Department or Function Head
* Director/Team Leader
* Medical Writer/Editor
* Account Manager/Client Services
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q139 To your knowledge, approximately how many manuscripts has your department supported during the last 12 months?

* None
* <10
* 10 to <30
* 30 to <100
* ≥100
* Don’t know

Answer If To you knowledge, approximately how many manuscripts has ... None Is Selected

Q140 Do you expect your department to support manuscripts in the next 12 months?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Q141 What proportion of your department’s business revenues were related to peer-reviewed medical publications in the last 12 months?

* None
* <10%
* 10 to <25%
* 25 to <50%
* 50 to <75%
* ≥75%
* Don’t know

Q142 Does your department have guidelines/SOP/policy or equivalent that drives ethical peer-reviewed medical publications practices?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If Does your department have guidelines/SOP/policy or equiva... Yes Is Selected

Q143 Are these global standards?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If Does your department have guidelines/SOP/policy or equiva... Yes Is Selected

Q144 Are any of these publicly disclosed?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If Does your department have guidelines/SOP/policy or equiva... Yes Is Selected

Q145 Is mandatory training provided to the medical publications professionals in your company?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If Is mandatory training provided to the medical publication... Yes Is Selected

Q146 Are training updates mandated at least annually?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Q147 Is there a formal, regular process to monitor internal adherence to your standards?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If Is there a formal, regular process to monitor internal ad... Yes Is Selected

Q148 If there is a formal process, how is it implemented? (check all that apply)

* Testing knowledge, at least annually
* Audits
* Reports from publication management tools
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q149 Is training provided to freelancers (independent medical publications professionals) who work with your company?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If Is training provided to freelancers (independent medical ... Yes Is Selected

Q150 How frequently? (check all that apply)

* At least annually
* At instigation of the relationship
* Ad hoc updates provided as guidelines change
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q151 Is there a formal, regular process to monitor freelancers’ adherence to your standards?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If Is there a formal, regular process to monitor freelancers... Yes Is Selected

Q152 If there is a formal process, why is it in place? (check all that apply)

* Testing knowledge, at least annually
* Audits
* Reports from publication management tools
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q153 What proportion of your client companies have their own guidelines/SOPs/policies or equivalent that drive ethical peer-reviewed medical publications practices?

* None
* <10%
* 10 to <50%
* 50 to <90%
* ≥90%
* Don’t know

Answer If What proportion of your client companies have their own g... None Is Not Selected And What proportion of your client companies have their own g... Don’t know Is Not Selected

Q154 If clients do have guidelines/SOPs/policy, are these global standards?

* Most
* Some
* None
* Don't know

Answer If What proportion of your client companies have their own g... None Is Not Selected And What proportion of your client companies have their own g... Don’t know Is Not Selected

Q156 Is mandatory training provided to your department?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If Is mandatory training provided to your department? Yes Is Selected

Q157 How frequently?

* At least annually
* At instigation of the relationship
* Ad hoc updates provided as guidelines change
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q158 Do any of your clients have a formal, regular process to monitor your adherence to their standards?

* Most
* Some
* None
* Don't know

Answer If Do any of your clients have a formal, regular process to ... Most Is Selected Or Do any of your clients have a formal, regular process to ... Some Is Selected

Q159 Indicate what proportion of your clients use the following:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | None | < 50% | 50 - 99% | 100% | Don&#39;t know |
| Testing knowledge, at least annually |  |  |  |  |  |
| Audits |  |  |  |  |  |
| Reports from publication management tools |  |  |  |  |  |

Q160 What role(s) does your department play in peer-reviewed publications? (check all that apply)

* Strategic services e.g. gap analyses to identify unmet educational needs
* Publication plan management, tracking all manuscripts within database systems
* Medical writing assistance for authors
* Editorial service for authors
* Authorship, when criteria are met
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q161 What data do your clients routinely share with authors for development of peer-reviewed publications? (check all that apply)

* Study protocol
* Statistical analysis plan
* Statistical reports
* Raw data/data tables
* Clinical Study Report (CSR)
* Summarized data
* An outline or draft manuscript
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q162 In the last 12 months, to your knowledge, how often has your department recommended to the lead author the removal of a co-author from a manuscript or abstract that was in development?

* Never
* Once
* More than once
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Answer If In the last 12 months, to your knowledge, how often has y... Once Is Selected Or In the last 12 months, to your knowledge, how often has y... More than once Is Selected

Q163 Please select the reasons why. (check all that apply)

* Author did not meet authorship criteria
* Author did not agree to adhere to ethical publication practices
* Author did not agree to disclose medical writing support
* Author disagreed with the interpretation of the data
* Author disagreed with the order of authorship
* Internal author left the client organization
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q164 In your department, are authorship obligations covered under formal agreements between authors and client companies prior to each manuscript development?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Q165 In your opinion, who should take responsibility for educating authors on ethical peer-reviewed publication practices? (rank top 3, where 1=primary responsibility)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Industry and its professional associations

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Third party service providers (such as agencies, CROs and independent medical publication professionals)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Medical professional associations

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Academic institutions (universities or hospitals)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Journal Editors and their professional associations

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Medical writing and publication professionals associations

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Government

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify)

Q166 In your department, over the past 12 months, how often has an author refused an offer of professional medical writing support for their manuscript?

* Never
* Once
* More than once
* Don’t know

Q167 In your opinion, is refusal happening more or less frequently than 2 years ago?

* More frequently
* About the same
* Less frequently
* Don’t know

Q168 Does your department ensure that authors acknowledge professional medical writing support within a peer-reviewed publication according to current guidelines?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Q169 In the last 12 months, have you had an author refuse to acknowledge professional medical writing support?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If In the last 12 months, have you had an author refuse to a... Yes Is Selected

Q170 How frequently has this occurred in the last 12 months?

* Never
* Once
* More than once
* Don’t know

Q171 In your opinion, is refusal happening more or less frequently than 2 years ago?

* More frequently
* About the same
* Less frequently
* Don’t know

Q172 In the past 12 months, how often do you believe a journal has rejected a manuscript (from robust, well-designed clinical trials) that your department was involved with on the grounds that it was associated with the pharmaceutical industry?

* Never
* Once
* More than once
* Don’t know

Answer If In the past 12 months, how often do you believe a journal... Once Is Selected Or In the past 12 months, how often do you believe a journal... More than once Is Selected

Q173 Please indicate which journal(s).

Q174 In the peer-reviewed medical publications that your department has supported over the past 12 months, how often has a journal requested a professional medical writer to be included as an author?

* Never
* Once
* More than once
* Don’t know

Answer If In the peer-reviewed medical publications that your depar... Once Is Selected Or In the peer-reviewed medical publications that your depar... More than once Is Selected

Q175 Please indicate which journal(s).

Q176 In the past 12 months, to your knowledge, how frequently has your department been asked by a member of a client team  or author to undertake a task which you understood may contravene ethical peer-reviewed publications practices?

* Never
* Once
* More than once
* Don’t know

Answer If In the past 12 months, to your knowledge, how frequently ... Once Is Selected Or In the past 12 months, to your knowledge, how frequently ... More than once Is Selected

Q177 How did your department respond? (check all that apply)

* Refused to accept the work
* Explained the need for compliance, such that the request was withdrawn/amended appropriately
* Accepted the work even though it was not amended after discussion about compliance
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q178 In the past 12 months, to your knowledge, has your department been involved with the development of a peer-reviewed publication for a study (or studies) that did not meet the primary endpoint or could otherwise be construed as inconclusive or negative?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If In the past 12 months, to your knowledge, has your depart... Yes Is Selected

Q179 Has the paper(s) been accepted or published in a peer-reviewed journal?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If Has the paper(s) been accepted or published in a peer-rev... No Is Selected

Q180 Why hasn't the paper(s) been accepted or published? (check all that apply)

* The paper(s) has not yet been submitted for peer review
* The paper(s) was rejected
* The paper(s) was published, but not in a per-reviewed journal
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q181 In the past 12 months, are you aware of any results from a client study (or studies) that did not meet the primary endpoint, or could otherwise be construed as inconclusive or negative, for which publication is not planned?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If In the past 12 months, are you aware of any results from ... Yes Is Selected

Q182 What reason is given for non-publication? (check all that apply)

* Study did not meet primary endpoint
* Study was not conducted in humans
* Drug development has been discontinued
* Study was not well designed
* Study did not complete
* Additional studies are required to verify the findings
* Company did not like the results
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q183 In the past 12 months, what proportion of your department’s medical publications work is outsourced to freelancers (independent medical publications professionals)?

* None
* <5%
* 5 to <10%
* 10 to <20%
* ≥20%

Answer If In the past 12 months, what proportion of your department... None Is Not Selected

Q184 When freelancers work with your department, do they? (check all that apply)

* Support development and/or management of publication plans?
* Provide medical writing assistance in support of peer-reviewed publications?
* Provide editorial assistance in support of peer-reviewed publications?
* Manage publications databases
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Answer If In the past 12 months, what proportion of your department... None Is Not Selected

Q185 Does your department draw up a formal contract with every freelancer prior to assigning any work?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

**Section 5 - Freelancer**

Q187 Please select the category that best describes the geographic remit of your role.

* Global HQ
* Regional HQ
* National HQ
* Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Answer If Regional HQ Is Selected

Q188 Please specify which region best describes the remit of your role.

Answer If National HQ Is Selected

Q189 Please specify the national HQ that best describes the geographic remit of your role.

* Afghanistan
* Albania
* Algeria
* Andorra
* Angola
* Antigua & Deps
* Argentina
* Armenia
* Australia
* Austria
* Azerbaijan
* Bahamas
* Bahrain
* Bangladesh
* Barbados
* Belarus
* Belgium
* Belize
* Benin
* Bhutan
* Bolivia
* Bosnia Herzegovina
* Botswana
* Brazil
* Brunei
* Bulgaria
* Burkina
* Burundi
* Cambodia
* Cameroon
* Canada
* Cape Verde
* Central African Rep
* Chad
* Chile
* China
* Colombia
* Comoros
* Congo
* Congo {Democratic Rep}
* Costa Rica
* Croatia
* Cuba
* Cyprus
* Czech Republic
* Denmark
* Djibouti
* Dominica
* Dominican Republic
* East Timor
* Ecuador
* Egypt
* El Salvador
* Equatorial Guinea
* Eritrea
* Estonia
* Ethiopia
* Fiji
* Finland
* France
* Gabon
* Gambia
* Georgia
* Germany
* Ghana
* Greece
* Grenada
* Guatemala
* Guinea
* Guinea-Bissau
* Guyana
* Haiti
* Honduras
* Hungary
* Iceland
* India
* Indonesia
* Iran
* Iraq
* Ireland {Republic}
* Israel
* Italy
* Ivory Coast
* Jamaica
* Japan
* Jordan
* Kazakhstan
* Kenya
* Kiribati
* Korea North
* Korea South
* Kosovo
* Kuwait
* Kyrgyzstan
* Laos
* Latvia
* Lebanon
* Lesotho
* Liberia
* Libya
* Liechtenstein
* Lithuania
* Luxembourg
* Macedonia
* Madagascar
* Malawi
* Malaysia
* Maldives
* Mali
* Malta
* Marshall Islands
* Mauritania
* Mauritius
* Mexico
* Micronesia
* Moldova
* Monaco
* Mongolia
* Montenegro
* Morocco
* Mozambique
* Myanmar, {Burma}
* Namibia
* Nauru
* Nepal
* Netherlands
* New Zealand
* Nicaragua
* Niger
* Nigeria
* Norway
* Oman
* Pakistan
* Palau
* Panama
* Papua New Guinea
* Paraguay
* Peru
* Philippines
* Poland
* Portugal
* Qatar
* Romania
* Russian Federation
* Rwanda
* St Kitts & Nevis
* St Lucia
* Saint Vincent & the Grenadines
* Samoa
* San Marino
* Sao Tome & Principe
* Saudi Arabia
* Senegal
* Serbia
* Seychelles
* Sierra Leone
* Singapore
* Slovakia
* Slovenia
* Solomon Islands
* Somalia
* South Africa
* Spain
* Sri Lanka
* Sudan
* Suriname
* Swaziland
* Sweden
* Switzerland
* Syria
* Taiwan
* Tajikistan
* Tanzania
* Thailand
* Togo
* Tonga
* Trinidad & Tobago
* Tunisia
* Turkey
* Turkmenistan
* Tuvalu
* Uganda
* Ukraine
* United Arab Emirates
* United Kingdom
* United States
* Uruguay
* Uzbekistan
* Vanuatu
* Vatican City
* Venezuela
* Vietnam
* Yemen
* Zambia
* Zimbabwe

Q190 How long have you worked in medical publications in a freelance (independent) capacity?

* <2 years
* 2 to <5 years
* 5 to <10 years
* ≥10 years

Answer If How long have you worked in medical publications in a fre... 5 to <10 years Is Selected Or How long have you worked in medical publications in a fre... ≥10 years Is Selected

Q191 In your opinion, how does freelance writers’ adherence to ethical peer-reviewed publication practice today compare with 5 years ago? Rate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statement (1 = strongly disagree, 5 = strongly agree).

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 1  Strongly Disagree | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Strongly Agree |
| Today writers are more aware of good publication practice and follow it stringently |  |  |  |  |  |

Q192 Please rank which of the following most strongly influences your adherence to ethical peer-reviewed publication practices (1= not at all influential to 6 = highly influential)?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 1 Not At All Influential | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 Highly Influential |
| Author(s) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Client (Industry) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Client (Agency) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Peer network |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Medical publication associations |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Self-regulated, based on keeping up-to-date with guidelines |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Q193 What role(s) do you play in peer-reviewed publications? (check all that apply)

* Strategic services e.g. gap analysis to identify unmet educational needs
* Publication plan management, tracking all manuscripts within database systems
* Medical writing assistance for authors
* Editorial services for authors
* Authorship, when criteria are met
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q194 What proportion of your client companies have their own guidelines/SOPs/policies or equivalent that drive ethical peer-reviewed medical publications practices?

* None
* 10 to
* 50 to
* ≥90%
* Don’t know

Answer If What proportion of your client companies have their own g... None Is Not Selected And What proportion of your client companies have their own g... Don’t know Is Not Selected

Q195 Are these global standards?

* Most
* Some
* None
* Don't know

Answer If What proportion of your client companies have their own g... None Is Not Selected And What proportion of your client companies have their own g... Don’t know Is Not Selected

Q196 Are any of these publicly disclosed?

* Most
* Some
* None
* Don't know

Answer If What proportion of your client companies have their own g... None Is Not Selected And What proportion of your client companies have their own g... Don’t know Is Not Selected

Q197 Is mandatory training provided to you?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If Is mandatory training provided to you? Yes Is Selected

Q198 How frequently? (check all that apply)

* At least annually
* At instigation of the relationship
* Ad hoc updates provided as guidelines change
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q199 Do any of your clients have a formal, regular process to monitor your adherence to their standards?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If Do any of your clients have a formal, regular process to ... Yes Is Selected

Q200 Indicate what proportion of your clients use the following:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | None | < 50% | 50 - 99% | 100% | Don't know |
| Testing knowledge, at least annually |  |  |  |  |  |
| Audits |  |  |  |  |  |
| Reports from publication management tools |  |  |  |  |  |

Q201 In the past 12 months, how frequently have you been asked by a member of a client team to undertake a task that you understood may contravene ethical peer-reviewed publications practices?

* Never
* Once
* More than once
* Don’t know

Answer If In the past 12 months, how frequently have you been asked... Once Is Selected Or In the past 12 months, how frequently have you been asked... More than once Is Selected

Q202 If one or more times, how did you respond? (check all that apply)

* Refused to accept the work
* Explained the need for compliance, such that the request was withdrawn/amended appropriately
* Accepted the work even though it was not amended after discussion about compliance
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q203 In your opinion, what level of independent support is available to you when dealing with client or author issues related to ethical peer-reviewed publication practices?

* None
* Insufficient
* Sufficient
* Plenty

Answer If In your opinion, what level of independent support is ava... None Is Selected Or In your opinion, what level of independent support is ava... Insuffiecient Is Selected

Q204 In your opinion, how should this counsel be provided?

* Professional association to provide compliance support services
* Peer network
* Social media
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q205 In the last 12 months, how often have you recommended to the lead author the removal of a co-author from a manuscript or abstract that was in development?

* Never
* Once
* More than once
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Answer If In the last 12 months, how often have you recommended to ... Once Is Selected Or In the last 12 months, how often have you recommended to ... More than once Is Selected

Q206 Please state the reasons why. (check all that apply)

* Author did not meet authorship criteria
* Author did not agree to adhere to ethical publication practises
* Author did not agree to disclose medical writing support
* Author disagreed with the interpretation of the data
* Author disagreed with the order of authorship
* Internal author left the client organization
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q207 In your opinion, who should take responsibility for educating authors on ethical peer-reviewed publication practices? (rank top 3, where 1=primary responsibility)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Industry and its professional associations

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Third party service providers (such as agencies and independent medical publication professionals)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Medical professional associations

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Academic institutions (universities or hospitals)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Journal Editors and their professional associations

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Medical writing and publication professionals associations

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Government

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify)

Q208 In the past 12 months, how have you had an author refuse an offer of professional medical writing support for their manuscript?

* Never
* Once
* More than once
* Don’t know

Q209 In your opinion, is refusal happening more or less frequently than 2 years ago?

* More frequently
* About the same
* Less frequently
* Don’t know

Q210 Do you feel that you are appropriately acknowledged for medical writing support that you provide?

* Always
* Sometimes
* Never
* Don’t know

Q211 In the peer-reviewed medical publications that you have supported over the past 12 months, has a journal requested that you be included as an author?

* Never
* Once
* More than once
* Don't know

Answer If In the peer-reviewed medical publications that you have s... Once Is Selected Or In the peer-reviewed medical publications that you have s... More than once Is Selected

Q212 Please indicate which journal(s).

Q213 Over the past 12 months, how often do you believe a journal has rejected a manuscript (from robust, well-designed clinical trials) that you were involved with on the grounds that it was associated with the pharmaceutical industry?

* Never
* Once
* More than once
* Don't know

Answer If Over the past 12 months, how often do you believe a journ... Once Is Selected Or Over the past 12 months, how often do you believe a journ... More than once Is Selected

Q214 Please indicate which journal(s).

Q215 In the past 12 months, have you been involved with the development of a peer-reviewed publication for a study (or studies) that did not meet the primary endpoint or could otherwise be construed as inconclusive or negative?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If In the past 12 months, have you been involved with the de... Yes Is Selected

Q216 Has the paper(s) been accepted or published in a peer-reviewed journal?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If Has the paper(s) been accepted or published in a peer-rev... No Is Selected

Q217 Why hasn't the paper(s) been accepted or published? (check all that apply)

* The paper(s) has not yet been submitted for peer review
* The paper(s) was rejected
* The paper(s) was published, but not in a peer-reviewed journal
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q218 In the past 12 months, are you aware of any results from a client study (or studies) that did not meet the primary endpoint, or could be construed as inconclusive or negative, for which publication is not planned?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If In the past 12 months, are you aware of any results from ... Yes Is Selected

Q219 What reason is given for non-publication? (check all that apply)

* Study did not meet primary endpoint
* Study was not conducted in humans
* Drug development has been discontinued
* Study was not well designed
* Study did not complete
* Additional studies are required to verify the findings
* Company did not like the results
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

**Section 6 - Journal Editor**

Q221 Please select the category that best describes the geographic remit of your role.

* Global HQ
* Regional HQ
* National HQ
* Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Answer If Please select the category that best describes the geogra... Regional HQ Is Selected

Q222 Please specify which region best describes the remit of your role.

Answer If Please select the category that best describes the geogra... National HQ Is Selected

Q223 Please specify the national HQ that best describes the geographic remit of your role.

* Afghanistan
* Albania
* Algeria
* Andorra
* Angola
* Antigua & Deps
* Argentina
* Armenia
* Australia
* Austria
* Azerbaijan
* Bahamas
* Bahrain
* Bangladesh
* Barbados
* Belarus
* Belgium
* Belize
* Benin
* Bhutan
* Bolivia
* Bosnia Herzegovina
* Botswana
* Brazil
* Brunei
* Bulgaria
* Burkina
* Burundi
* Cambodia
* Cameroon
* Canada
* Cape Verde
* Central African Rep
* Chad
* Chile
* China
* Colombia
* Comoros
* Congo
* Congo {Democratic Rep}
* Costa Rica
* Croatia
* Cuba
* Cyprus
* Czech Republic
* Denmark
* Djibouti
* Dominica
* Dominican Republic
* East Timor
* Ecuador
* Egypt
* El Salvador
* Equatorial Guinea
* Eritrea
* Estonia
* Ethiopia
* Fiji
* Finland
* France
* Gabon
* Gambia
* Georgia
* Germany
* Ghana
* Greece
* Grenada
* Guatemala
* Guinea
* Guinea-Bissau
* Guyana
* Haiti
* Honduras
* Hungary
* Iceland
* India
* Indonesia
* Iran
* Iraq
* Ireland {Republic}
* Israel
* Italy
* Ivory Coast
* Jamaica
* Japan
* Jordan
* Kazakhstan
* Kenya
* Kiribati
* Korea North
* Korea South
* Kosovo
* Kuwait
* Kyrgyzstan
* Laos
* Latvia
* Lebanon
* Lesotho
* Liberia
* Libya
* Liechtenstein
* Lithuania
* Luxembourg
* Macedonia
* Madagascar
* Malawi
* Malaysia
* Maldives
* Mali
* Malta
* Marshall Islands
* Mauritania
* Mauritius
* Mexico
* Micronesia
* Moldova
* Monaco
* Mongolia
* Montenegro
* Morocco
* Mozambique
* Myanmar, {Burma}
* Namibia
* Nauru
* Nepal
* Netherlands
* New Zealand
* Nicaragua
* Niger
* Nigeria
* Norway
* Oman
* Pakistan
* Palau
* Panama
* Papua New Guinea
* Paraguay
* Peru
* Philippines
* Poland
* Portugal
* Qatar
* Romania
* Russian Federation
* Rwanda
* St Kitts & Nevis
* St Lucia
* Saint Vincent & the Grenadines
* Samoa
* San Marino
* Sao Tome & Principe
* Saudi Arabia
* Senegal
* Serbia
* Seychelles
* Sierra Leone
* Singapore
* Slovakia
* Slovenia
* Solomon Islands
* Somalia
* South Africa
* Spain
* Sri Lanka
* Sudan
* Suriname
* Swaziland
* Sweden
* Switzerland
* Syria
* Taiwan
* Tajikistan
* Tanzania
* Thailand
* Togo
* Tonga
* Trinidad & Tobago
* Tunisia
* Turkey
* Turkmenistan
* Tuvalu
* Uganda
* Ukraine
* United Arab Emirates
* United Kingdom
* United States
* Uruguay
* Uzbekistan
* Vanuatu
* Vatican City
* Venezuela
* Vietnam
* Yemen
* Zambia
* Zimbabwe

Q224 Please select the category that best describes your role at the journal.

* Journal Editor
* Managing Editor
* Associate Editor
* Administrative role
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q225 Please describe the key elements of your role. (Check all that apply)

* Screening all submissions prior to peer-review
* Selecting journal review panel
* Writing editorials on key papers
* Developing author guidelines
* Soliciting content for the journal
* Developing themed issues
* Handling queries on manuscripts
* Determining manuscripts for enhanced content
* Handling disputes/retractions
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q226 What medium does your journal publish in?

* Print only
* Online only
* Both

Q227 Please describe the importance of the following to your journal:

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Very | Somewhat | Not relevant | Don't know |
| Open Access content |  |  |  |  |
| Enhanced content such as MOAs (mode of action), videos, supplemental information |  |  |  |  |

Answer If Please describe the importance of the following to your j... Enhanced content such as MOAs, videos, supplemental information - Very Is Selected Or Please describe the importance of the following to your j... Enhanced content such as MOAs, videos, supplemental information - Somewhat Is Selected

Q228 Do you charge a fee for these enhancements?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Q229 Is your journal considered to be a general or specialty journal?

* General medical
* Specialty medical
* Health economics
* Epidemiology
* Primary care
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q230 In the course of a 12-month period, roughly what proportion of accepted papers in your journal covers negative studies (i.e. studies that have not met the primary endpoint or are statistically non-significant/neutral/inconclusive)?

* None
* <10%
* 10 to <25%
* 25 to <50%
* 50 to <75%
* ≥75%
* Don’t know

Q231 In the past 12 months, has your journal had to print a retraction as a result of misconduct?

* Yes
* No
* Don’t know

Answer If In the past 12 months, has your journal had to print a re... Yes Is Selected

Q232 Please specify if the research was:

* Industry-sponsored
* Academic research
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q233 Do you publicly name your peer-review panel on your website?

* Yes
* No
* Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q234 Do you disclose which reviewers participated in the peer-review for individual papers?

* Yes
* No
* Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q235 When sending manuscripts out for peer-review, is this conducted in a blinded or open fashion?

* We anonymize submissions prior to peer-review
* We do not anonymize submissions prior to peer-review
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q236 What authorship criteria does your journal apply?

* ICMJE guidelines
* Specific journal criteria (modified ICMJE)
* Specific journal criteria
* Contributor model
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q237 In the last 12 months, has your journal refused to accept an author on a manuscript or abstract because he/she has not fulfilled your specified authorship criteria?

* No
* Yes
* We don’t check authorship criteria – authors are responsible for their own submissions
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Answer If In the last 12 months, has your journal refused to accept... Yes Is Selected

Q238 Was this as a result of your own review?

* Yes
* No

Answer If In the last 12 months, has your journal refused to accept... Yes Is Selected

Q239 Was this as a result of concerns raised by others?

* Yes
* No

Q240 What conflict of interest (COI) guidelines are used at your journal?

* ICMJE
* Journal’s own
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q241 Over what duration of time does your journal require authors to disclose COI information?

* Current relationships and activities
* Activities within the last 2 years
* Activities within the last 4 years
* Activities within the last 5 years
* More than 5 years

Q242 What disclosures do you require?

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Yes | No |
| Solely in relation to drugs/devices that are the subject of the manuscript |  |  |
| All industry COI regardless of whether they are discussed in the manuscript |  |  |
| Any relevant non-financial COI |  |  |

Q243 What is your journal’s position on professional medical writing support? (check all that apply)

* Medical writers are acceptable as long as their contribution is appropriately acknowledged and they are authors if they fulfill the criteria for authorship
* All medical writers involved in drafting a manuscript should be authors
* We follow a contributor model
* Only where the authors need help for language and grammar
* We do not accept manuscripts that have had professional medical writing support
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q244 Do professional medical writers improve the quality of a manuscript?

* Yes
* Sometimes
* No
* Don’t know

Q245 Do you ensure authors acknowledge medical writing support according to your journal’s current guidelines?

* Yes, in our guidance for authors, we provide relevant information (such as a checklist) on acknowledging contributions and support
* No, this is the responsibility of the authors.
* Don’t know
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q246 Does your journal always publish the full acknowledgments submitted by the authors?

* Yes – both online and in print
* Yes – in print only
* Yes – online only
* No
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q247 In the past 12 months, how often have you heard of an author refusing to acknowledge professional medical writing support on a manuscript they submitted to your journal?

* Never
* Once
* More than once
* Don’t know

Q248 In your opinion, is refusal happening more or less frequently than 2 years ago?

* More frequently
* About the same
* Less frequently
* Don’t know

Q249 What is your journal’s policy on review articles? (check all that apply)

* We review all submissions on merit, provided all appropriate acknowledgments and COIs are disclosed and journal guidelines are met
* We only accept review articles from academia
* We do not publish review articles
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q250 What is your journal’s philosophy and/or policy on publishing pharmaceutical industry sponsored research? (check all that apply)

* We consider all well-conducted research regardless of the funding source
* We accept industry sponsored research only if they allow full access to the original data
* We accept industry sponsored research if they allow analysis of the data to be conducted by an independent academic statistician
* We do a more rigorous review of industry sponsored research
* We don’t accept publications on industry sponsored research
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q251 In the past 12 months, has your journal rejected a paper primarily because of you believed the content was biased because it was associated with the pharmaceutical industry?

* No
* We don’t publish industry sponsored research
* Yes, once
* Yes, more than once
* Don’t know

Q252 Does your journal accept advertising from industry?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If Does your journal accept advertising from industry? Yes Is Selected

Q253 Do you have an in-house or affiliated sales department that contacts industry regarding potential advertising?

* Yes
* No
* Don’t know

Q254 Does your journal sell reprints of individual papers?

* Yes
* No
* Don’t know

Answer If Does your journal sell reprints of individual papers? Yes Is Selected

Q255 Do you have an in-house or affiliated sales department that contacts industry regarding potential reprints?

* Yes
* No
* Don’t know

**Section 7 - Publishing Company**

Q257 Please select the category that best describes the geographic remit of your role.

* Global HQ
* Regional HQ
* National HQ
* Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Answer If Please select the category that best describes the geogra... Regional HQ Is Selected

Q258 Please specify which region best describes the remit of your role.

Answer If Please select the category that best describes the geogra... National HQ Is Selected

Q259 Please specify the national HQ that best describes the geographic remit of your role.

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* Albania
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* Angola
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* Argentina
* Armenia
* Australia
* Austria
* Azerbaijan
* Bahamas
* Bahrain
* Bangladesh
* Barbados
* Belarus
* Belgium
* Belize
* Benin
* Bhutan
* Bolivia
* Bosnia Herzegovina
* Botswana
* Brazil
* Brunei
* Bulgaria
* Burkina
* Burundi
* Cambodia
* Cameroon
* Canada
* Cape Verde
* Central African Rep
* Chad
* Chile
* China
* Colombia
* Comoros
* Congo
* Congo {Democratic Rep}
* Costa Rica
* Croatia
* Cuba
* Cyprus
* Czech Republic
* Denmark
* Djibouti
* Dominica
* Dominican Republic
* East Timor
* Ecuador
* Egypt
* El Salvador
* Equatorial Guinea
* Eritrea
* Estonia
* Ethiopia
* Fiji
* Finland
* France
* Gabon
* Gambia
* Georgia
* Germany
* Ghana
* Greece
* Grenada
* Guatemala
* Guinea
* Guinea-Bissau
* Guyana
* Haiti
* Honduras
* Hungary
* Iceland
* India
* Indonesia
* Iran
* Iraq
* Ireland {Republic}
* Israel
* Italy
* Ivory Coast
* Jamaica
* Japan
* Jordan
* Kazakhstan
* Kenya
* Kiribati
* Korea North
* Korea South
* Kosovo
* Kuwait
* Kyrgyzstan
* Laos
* Latvia
* Lebanon
* Lesotho
* Liberia
* Libya
* Liechtenstein
* Lithuania
* Luxembourg
* Macedonia
* Madagascar
* Malawi
* Malaysia
* Maldives
* Mali
* Malta
* Marshall Islands
* Mauritania
* Mauritius
* Mexico
* Micronesia
* Moldova
* Monaco
* Mongolia
* Montenegro
* Morocco
* Mozambique
* Myanmar, {Burma}
* Namibia
* Nauru
* Nepal
* Netherlands
* New Zealand
* Nicaragua
* Niger
* Nigeria
* Norway
* Oman
* Pakistan
* Palau
* Panama
* Papua New Guinea
* Paraguay
* Peru
* Philippines
* Poland
* Portugal
* Qatar
* Romania
* Russian Federation
* Rwanda
* St Kitts & Nevis
* St Lucia
* Saint Vincent & the Grenadines
* Samoa
* San Marino
* Sao Tome & Principe
* Saudi Arabia
* Senegal
* Serbia
* Seychelles
* Sierra Leone
* Singapore
* Slovakia
* Slovenia
* Solomon Islands
* Somalia
* South Africa
* Spain
* Sri Lanka
* Sudan
* Suriname
* Swaziland
* Sweden
* Switzerland
* Syria
* Taiwan
* Tajikistan
* Tanzania
* Thailand
* Togo
* Tonga
* Trinidad & Tobago
* Tunisia
* Turkey
* Turkmenistan
* Tuvalu
* Uganda
* Ukraine
* United Arab Emirates
* United Kingdom
* United States
* Uruguay
* Uzbekistan
* Vanuatu
* Vatican City
* Venezuela
* Vietnam
* Yemen
* Zambia
* Zimbabwe

Q260 Please select the category that best describes your role in the journal.

* Executive
* Journal Publisher
* Managing Publisher
* Associate Publisher
* Business / Sales role
* Administrative role
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q261 Please describe the key elements of your role. (check all that apply)

* Developing new publication channels applicable to medical publications
* Determining manuscripts for enhanced content
* Handling disputes/retractions
* Managing journal production
* Commissioning content
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q262 What proportion of your company is focused on medical publishing?

* <10%
* 10 to <50%
* 50 to <75%
* ≥75%

Q263 What proportion of your medical journals are supported by online content.

* <10%
* 10 to <50%
* 50 to <75%
* ≥75%

Q264 What is the primary business model for your medical journals? (check all that apply)

* Journal subscriptions
* Advertising revenue
* Open access fees
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q265 Please describe the importance of the following to your medical journals.

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Very | Somewhat | Not relevant | Don't know |
| Open access content |  |  |  |  |
| Enhanced content such as MOAs (mode of action), videos, supplemental information |  |  |  |  |

Answer If Please describe the importance of the following to your m... Enhanced content such as MOAs, videos, supplemental information - Very Is Selected Or Please describe the importance of the following to your m... Enhanced content such as MOAs, videos, supplemental information - Somewhat Is Selected

Q266 Do you charge a fee for these enhancements?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Q268 Are your medical journals primarily considered to be general or specialty journals? (check all that apply)

* General medical
* Specialty medical
* Health economics
* Epidemiology
* Primary care
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q269 In the course of a 12-month period, roughly what proportion of accepted papers in your medical journals cover negative studies (i.e. studies that have not met the primary endpoint or are statistically non-significant/neutral/inconclusive)?

* None
* <10%
* 10 to <25%
* 25 to <50%
* 50 to <75%
* ≥75%
* Don’t know

Q270 In the past 12 months, have any of your medical journals had to print a retraction as a result of misconduct?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Q271 Please specify if the research was:

* Industry-sponsored
* Academic research only
* Other (please specify – including if there was more than one retraction relating to your journals) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q272 What authorship criteria do your medical journals apply?

* ICMJE guidelines
* Specific journal criteria (modified ICMJE)
* Specific journal criteria
* Contributor model
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q273 In the last 12 months, have any of your medical journals refused to accept an author on a manuscript or abstract because he/she has not fulfilled your specified authorship criteria?

* No
* Yes
* We don’t check authorship criteria – authors are responsible for their own submissions
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Answer If In the last 12 months, have any of your medical journals ... Yes Is Selected

Q274 Was this as a result of your own review?

* Yes
* No

Answer If In the last 12 months, have any of your medical journals ... Yes Is Selected

Q275 Was this as a result of concerns raised by others?

* Yes
* No

Q276 What conflict of interest (COI) guidelines are used at your medical journals?

* ICMJE
* Journal’s own
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q277 Over what duration of time do your journals require authors to disclose COI information?

* Current relationships and activities
* Activities within the last 2 years
* Activities within the last 4 years
* Activities within the last 5 years
* More than 5 years

Q278 What disclosures do you require?

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Yes | No |
| Solely in relation to drugs/devices that are the subject of the manuscript |  |  |
| All industry COI regardless of whether they are discussed in the manuscript |  |  |
| Any relevant non-financial COI |  |  |

Q279 What is your journals’ position on professional medical writing support? (check all that apply)

* Medical writers are acceptable as long as their contribution is appropriately acknowledged and they are authors if they fulfill the criteria for authorship.
* All medical writers involved in drafting a manuscript should be authors
* We follow a contributor model
* Only where the authors need help for language and grammar
* We do not accept manuscripts that have had professional medical writing support
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q280 Do professional medical writers improve the quality of a manuscript?

* Yes
* Sometimes
* No
* Don’t know

Q281 Do you ensure authors acknowledge medical writing support according to your journal’s current guidelines?

* Yes - In our guidance for authors, we provide relevant information (such as a checklist) on acknowledging contributions and support
* No, This is the responsibility of the authors.
* Don’t know
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q282 Do your medical journals always publish the full acknowledgments submitted by the authors?

* Yes – both online and in print
* Yes – in print only
* Yes – online only
* No
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q283 In the past 12 months, how often have you heard of an author refusing to acknowledge professional writing support on a manuscript they submitted to your journal?

* Never
* Once
* More than once
* Don’t know

Q284 In your opinion, is refusal happening more or less frequently than 2 years ago?

* More frequently
* About the same
* Less frequently
* Don’t know

Q285 What are your medical journal’s policies on review articles? (check all that apply)

* We review all submissions on merit provided all appropriate acknowledgements and COIs are disclosed and journal guidelines are met
* We only accept review articles from academia
* We do not publish review articles
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q286 What is your philosophy and/or policy on publishing pharmaceutical industry sponsored research? (check all that apply)

* We consider all well-conducted research regardless of the funding source
* We accept industry sponsored research only if they allow full access to the original data
* We accept industry sponsored research if they allow analysis of the data to be conducted by an independent academic statistician
* We do a more rigorous review of industry sponsored research
* We don’t accept publications on industry sponsored research
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q287 In the past 12 months, has your journal rejected a paper primarily because you believed the content was biased because it was associated with the pharmaceutical industry?

* No
* No, we don’t publish industry sponsored research
* Yes, once
* Yes, more than once.
* Don’t know

Q288 Do your journals accept advertising from industry?

* Yes
* No
* Don’t know

Answer If Do your journals accept advertising from industry? Yes Is Selected

Q289 Do you have an in-house or affiliated sales department that contacts industry regarding potential advertising?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Q290 Do your journals sell reprints of individual papers?

* Yes
* No
* Don’t know

Answer If Do your journals sell reprints of individual papers? Yes Is Selected

Q291 Do you have an in-house or affiliated sales department that contacts industry regarding potential reprints?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

**Section 8 - Academic, Research and/or Medical Institution or Association**

Q293 Please select the category that best describes the geographic remit of your role.

* Global HQ
* Regional HQ
* National HQ
* Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Answer If Please select the category that best describes the geogra... Regional HQ Is Selected

Q294 Please specify which region best describes the remit of your role.

Answer If Please select the category that best describes the geogra... National HQ Is Selected

Q295 Please specify the national HQ that best describes the geographic remit of your role.

* Afghanistan
* Albania
* Algeria
* Andorra
* Angola
* Antigua & Deps
* Argentina
* Armenia
* Australia
* Austria
* Azerbaijan
* Bahamas
* Bahrain
* Bangladesh
* Barbados
* Belarus
* Belgium
* Belize
* Benin
* Bhutan
* Bolivia
* Bosnia Herzegovina
* Botswana
* Brazil
* Brunei
* Bulgaria
* Burkina
* Burundi
* Cambodia
* Cameroon
* Canada
* Cape Verde
* Central African Rep
* Chad
* Chile
* China
* Colombia
* Comoros
* Congo
* Congo {Democratic Rep}
* Costa Rica
* Croatia
* Cuba
* Cyprus
* Czech Republic
* Denmark
* Djibouti
* Dominica
* Dominican Republic
* East Timor
* Ecuador
* Egypt
* El Salvador
* Equatorial Guinea
* Eritrea
* Estonia
* Ethiopia
* Fiji
* Finland
* France
* Gabon
* Gambia
* Georgia
* Germany
* Ghana
* Greece
* Grenada
* Guatemala
* Guinea
* Guinea-Bissau
* Guyana
* Haiti
* Honduras
* Hungary
* Iceland
* India
* Indonesia
* Iran
* Iraq
* Ireland {Republic}
* Israel
* Italy
* Ivory Coast
* Jamaica
* Japan
* Jordan
* Kazakhstan
* Kenya
* Kiribati
* Korea North
* Korea South
* Kosovo
* Kuwait
* Kyrgyzstan
* Laos
* Latvia
* Lebanon
* Lesotho
* Liberia
* Libya
* Liechtenstein
* Lithuania
* Luxembourg
* Macedonia
* Madagascar
* Malawi
* Malaysia
* Maldives
* Mali
* Malta
* Marshall Islands
* Mauritania
* Mauritius
* Mexico
* Micronesia
* Moldova
* Monaco
* Mongolia
* Montenegro
* Morocco
* Mozambique
* Myanmar, {Burma}
* Namibia
* Nauru
* Nepal
* Netherlands
* New Zealand
* Nicaragua
* Niger
* Nigeria
* Norway
* Oman
* Pakistan
* Palau
* Panama
* Papua New Guinea
* Paraguay
* Peru
* Philippines
* Poland
* Portugal
* Qatar
* Romania
* Russian Federation
* Rwanda
* St Kitts & Nevis
* St Lucia
* Saint Vincent & the Grenadines
* Samoa
* San Marino
* Sao Tome & Principe
* Saudi Arabia
* Senegal
* Serbia
* Seychelles
* Sierra Leone
* Singapore
* Slovakia
* Slovenia
* Solomon Islands
* Somalia
* South Africa
* Spain
* Sri Lanka
* Sudan
* Suriname
* Swaziland
* Sweden
* Switzerland
* Syria
* Taiwan
* Tajikistan
* Tanzania
* Thailand
* Togo
* Tonga
* Trinidad & Tobago
* Tunisia
* Turkey
* Turkmenistan
* Tuvalu
* Uganda
* Ukraine
* United Arab Emirates
* United Kingdom
* United States
* Uruguay
* Uzbekistan
* Vanuatu
* Vatican City
* Venezuela
* Vietnam
* Yemen
* Zambia
* Zimbabwe

Q296 Please select the category that best describes your role in the institution/association.

* Executive/Department or Function Head
* Director/Team Leader
* Researcher
* Educator
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q297 Does your institution/association have a role in publication of medical research in peer-reviewed journals?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If Does your institution/association have a role in publicat... Yes Is Selected

Q298 Does your institution/association have a role in publication of medical research in peer-reviewed journals? (check all that apply)

* We conduct and publish our own research
* We conduct and publish research in collaboration with academic partners
* We conduct and publish medical research in collaboration with pharmaceutical/Biotechnology/Devices industry partners
* Don’t know

Answer If Does your institution/association have a role in publicat... No Is Selected

Q299 Please describe how you ensure medical research is appropriately shared in the public domain.

Q300 As there are guidelines in place to publish all medical research regardless of outcome, how do you address the challenge of publishing everything? (check all that apply)

* Our academics author all of the papers themselves
* We have dedicated writing resource at our institution
* We contract with freelancers to support development of the publications
* Our industry partners fund professional medical writing support for us
* We prioritize publications of most relevance and interest to the field
* We don’t publish all of the studies that we conduct
* Don’t know

Q301 Do you work with professional medical writers?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If Do you work with professional medical writers? Yes Is Selected

Q302 Who are the professional medical writers? (check all that apply)

* Independent freelancers
* Agency professionals
* In-house writing team

Answer If Do you work with professional medical writers? Yes Is Selected

Q303 Who pays for professional medical writing support for your academics?

* Our institution pays
* Industry partners pay
* We don’t use paid medical writing support
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q304 How would you ensure that you have acknowledged professional medical writing support according to the current/journal guidelines? (check all that apply)

* We expect authors to follow the specific journal requirements
* We provide training to all of our researchers regarding publication of medical research in journals
* We leave this up to the journals to determine
* It is up to the medical writers to ensure they are appropriately acknowledged
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q305 What are your institution policies on review articles?

* We don’t have a policy on this
* Review articles are allowable
* We follow journal guidelines on review articles
* We only support systematic review papers
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q306 If you support review articles, do you work with industry collaborators?

* We don’t work with industry on review papers
* Yes - They pay for the research to be done
* Yes - They pay for a medical writer to support development of the paper once the research has been done
* Yes - They provide an unrestricted grant and have no input into the paper at all
* Don't know

Q307 What are your institution policies on industry sponsored research? That is, are you able to collaborate with industry in relation to clinical research projects, able to author papers with industry authors, able to accept the support of medical publication professionals etc?

* Explain Institution policies: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don't know

Q308 Who provides you with advice regarding proper disclosure of potential conflicts of interest when publishing medical research?

* Our institution provides guidance
* My colleagues
* Journal requirements
* Medical writers
* Industry personnel
* We don’t get advice
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q309 What guidelines do you follow for conflict of interest (COI) disclosures?

* My institution’s
* The journal’s
* Depends on who’s guidelines are strongest
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q310 Please outline your perceptions and attitudes towards pharmaceutical industry involvement in medical publications.

* I think there is a role for industry as authors and collaborators in medical publications as they have internal research and development departments and relevant expertise
* I think there is a role for industry in supporting medical publications, but not as authors
* I think industry should hand over the research and allow academia to analyze the data
* I’m not sure what role industry should have in medical publications
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q311 In the last 12 months, have you been refused authorship on a manuscript or abstract because you did not fulfill authorship criteria?

* Never
* Once
* More than once

Answer If In the last 12 months, have you been refused as author on... Once Is Selected Or In the last 12 months, have you been refused as author on... More than once Is Selected

Q312 Please indicate why you were refused authorship.

* Disagreed with the interpretation of the data
* Disagreed with the order of authorship
* Left the organization where I did the work
* Did not meet authorship criteria
* Did not agree to adhere to ethical publication practices
* Did not agree to disclose medical writing support
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q313 In the past 12 months, have you refused professional writing support based on concerns about the perception of 'ghost-writing'?

* No
* Yes – I prefer to do all my own writing
* Yes – my institution does not allow the use of any medical writers
* Yes, but I did not understand the role of the professional medical writer and accepted their support once I understood how this would be disclosed

Q314 In the last 12 months have you used professional medical writing support but NOT acknowledged this support in the manuscript?

* No
* Yes (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q315 Do you feel that the pharmaceutical industry influences the content of industry sponsored publications?

* No
* Yes - inappropriately influences the selection of data for inclusion, discussion and conclusions
* Yes - provides appropriate contributions that are acknowledged
* Yes - provides appropriate contributions that are unacknowledged
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q316 When you are working on a paper relating to an industry sponsored study, do you have full access to the relevant data if you request it?

* Yes
* Yes, but I rarely look at the raw data
* No
* I have never asked
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q317 When developing a paper with industry partners and other authors, how much input do you have on the choice of journal?

* The authors decide as a team
* The lead author usually decides
* Industry partners decide
* The agency decides
* Don’t know
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q318 In the past 12 months, to your knowledge, has your department been involved in the development of a peer-reviewed publication for a study (or studies) that did not meet the primary endpoint or could otherwise be construed as inconclusive or negative?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If In the past 12 months, to your knowledge, has your depart... Yes Is Selected

Q319 Has the paper(s) been accepted or published in a peer-reviewed journal?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If Has the paper(s) been accepted or published in a peer-rev... No Is Selected

Q320 Why hasn't the paper been accepted or published in a peer-reviewed journal? (check all that apply)

* The paper(s) has not yet been submitted for peer review
* The paper(s) was rejected
* The paper(s) was published, but not in a peer-reviewed journal
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q321 In the past 12 months, are you aware of any results from a study (or studies) that did not meet the primary endpoint, or could otherwise be construed as inconclusive or negative, for which publication is not planned?

* Yes
* No
* Don't know

Answer If In the past 12 months, are you aware of any results from ... Yes Is Selected

Q322 What reason is given for non-publication? (check all that apply)

* Study did not meet primary endpoint
* Study was not conducted in humans
* Drug development has been discontinued
* Study was not well designed
* Study did not complete
* Additional studies are required to verify the findings
* Company did not like the results
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q323 Is the number of academic publications a requirement for progression in your department?

* Yes – they are very important
* Yes – they are very important, but only if listed as lead or last author
* Somewhat important
* Not really
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q324 Who do you think should provide training about ethical medical publication practices and standards to academia?

* Our institution
* The journals
* Industry
* Professional associations
* Training during qualifications
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Don’t know

Q325 What method do you use most when looking for up-to-date information in peer-reviewed publications?

* PubMed
* Google
* Google scholar
* My institution’s library
* Open access journals only
* Print journals delivered to me
* Online journals only
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Optional Questions and Closing Comments**

Q75 Please state where you obtained the link to this survey.

* Email from an association that I am a member of
* From my organization
* GPS LinkedIn site
* From a colleague
* Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q77 What educational needs exist regarding ethical publication practices?

Q78 How best might these educational needs be addressed?

Q79 Are there any additional questions you think would be useful to ask in future surveys?