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2. The complainant needs to clearly indicate the specific manner and detail of misconduct; for example, in a case of plagiarism, the plagiarized paragraph should be clearly highlighted and the original and suspected articles should be referred to clearly.
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4. The corresponding author(s) will be asked to provide an explanation with factual statements and any available evidence.
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 - a. If the article has been published, an erratum or retraction may be necessary to remedy the situation. However, there may still be disagreement concerning the appropriate wording of the description.
 - b. If the misconduct is reported during the review process, the review process may continue, with the author(s) making the relevant changes.
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