

Class uncorrected errors as misconduct

Post-publication peer review is becoming increasingly popular, but authors need more incentive to self-correct and amend the scientific record (D. B. Allison *et al. Nature* **530**, 27–29; 2016).

We propose that failure by authors to correct their mistakes should be classified as scientific misconduct. This policy has already been implemented by our institute, and we encourage research institutions and funding bodies to follow suit (see <http://go.nature.com/dgiffit>).

The responsibility to correct errors lies mainly with the criticized authors. Snubbing criticism by not addressing it promptly runs counter to our fundamental ethos as scientists, and threatens to erode society's trust in the scientific community.

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