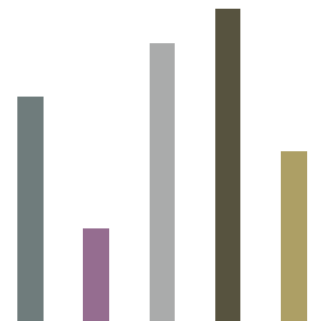


# Retractions: COPE guidance and newer developments

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Retraction is a mechanism for correcting the literature and alerting readers to publications that contain such seriously flawed or erroneous data that their findings and conclusions cannot be relied upon...

- the findings have previously been published elsewhere without proper crossreferencing, permission or justification (i.e. cases of redundant publication)
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“...the main purpose of retractions is to correct the literature and ensure its integrity rather than to punish authors.”

September 2009

Elizabeth Wager, Virginia Barbour, Steven Yentis, Sabine Kleinert on behalf of COPE Council

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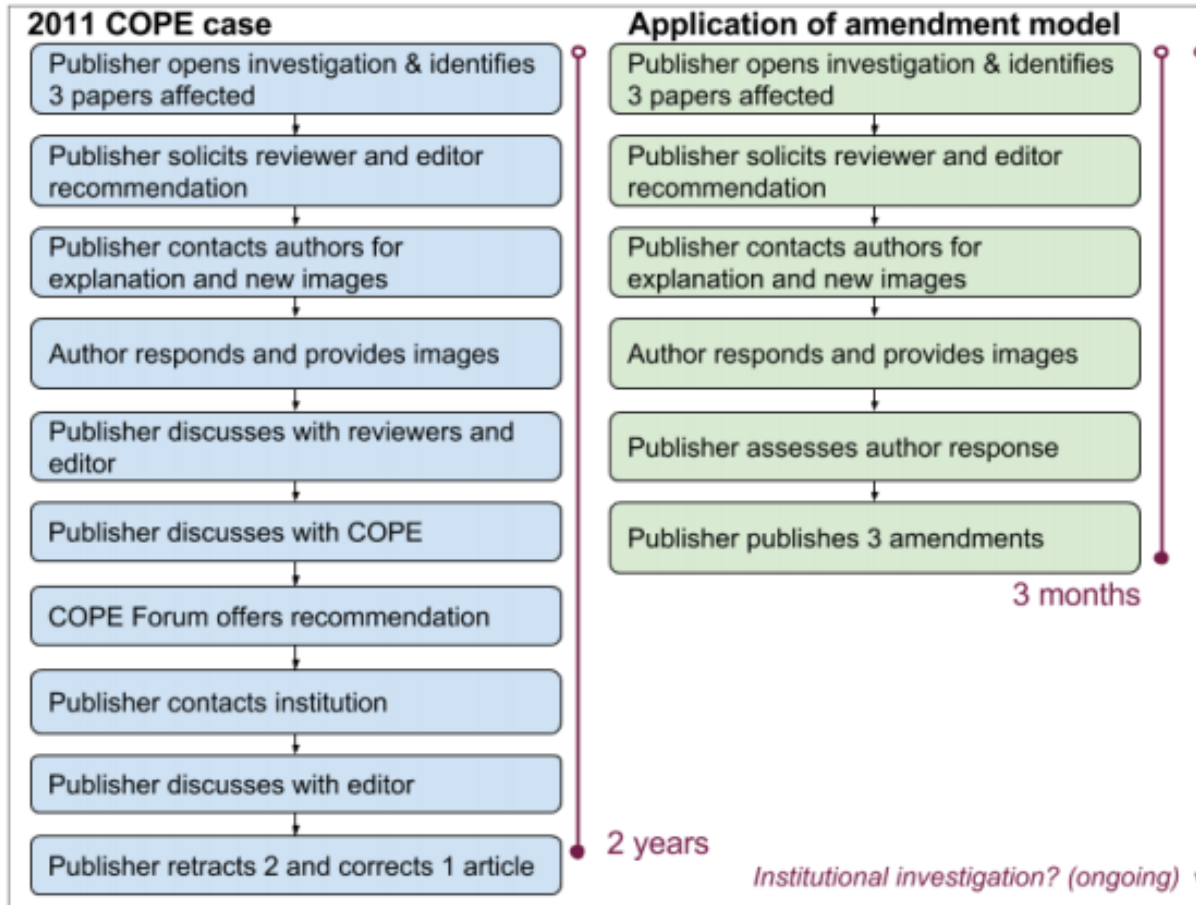
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# Retractions are slow...

**Figure 3. COPE example & application of amendment model**



# Why might we change approach?

- New technology
  - Need for better audit trails of papers
  - Purpose of retractions drifting
- Advantages
  - Increased speed
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## Amending Published Articles: Time To Rethink Retractions And Corrections?

 Virginia Barbour,  Theodora Bloom,  Jennifer Lin,  Elizabeth Moylan

- One term: any post-publication change is an **amendment**
- differentiate between the **scale** of amendment
- differentiate between **versions** of an article

Open for discussion.