A Review of Article Withdrawal Regulations

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Conclusions

• Withdrawal is not welcome by the publishers

• They tend to consider a penalty for authors withdraw their paper/s
Recommendations

• Define a level that it is possible to withdraw a paper without any explanation and penalties and name them; retraction, withdrawal, removal).

• Determine penalties for post-acceptance withdrawal.

• Choose some criteria that an author can withdraw her/his paper referring to them.