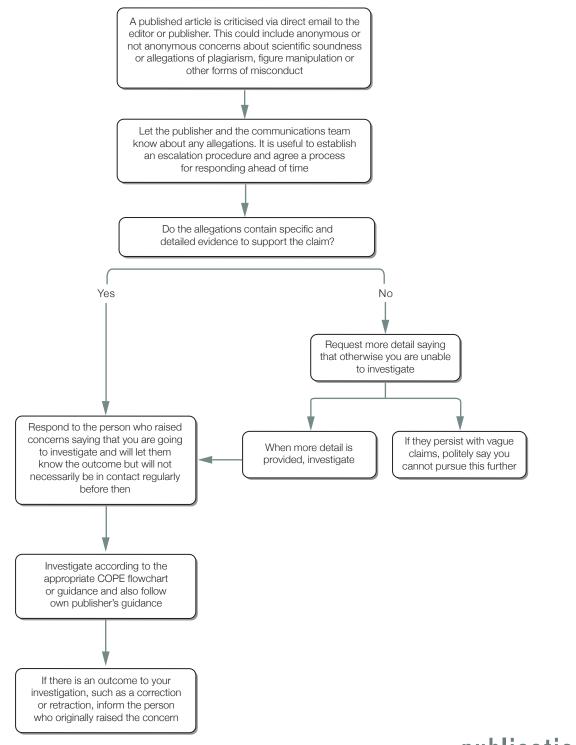


How to respond to whistle blowers when concerns are raised directly



Note The tone of the allegations may be aggressive or personal. Respond politely; don't get drawn into personal exchanges

Note

Sometimes the whistle blower may prefer toremain anonymous. It is important not to try to "out"people who wish to be anonymous

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How to respond to whistle blowers when concerns are raised via social media

