

Corrigendum Note: Earlier release of this compliance report was mistakenly dated 02 June 2026. The correct date may please be read as 02 June 2025.

SUBJECT: COMPLIANCE REPORT IN RESPONSE TO THE FINAL INQUIRY REPORT ON QUALITY OF THE CONTENTS PUBLISHED BY THE JOURNAL 'ADVANCEMENTS IN LIFE SCIENCES' IN 2024/25

INTRODUCTION

This report presents status of compliance by the journal "Advancements in Life Sciences" with recommendations given in the Final Inquiry Report 2024/25 (released on 12 May 2025). Further, it also features the corrective measures taken after issuance of expressions of concern for each type of error / discrepancy at article level as per the advisory of the inquiry team.

Adaptation of the Recommendations (as given in Section 6 of the Inquiry Report)

Table 1: This table presents specific responses to each recommendation of the inquiry team.

Sr. No.	Recommendation	Compliance Response
1.	Add editorial policy on use of AI generated / paraphrased text.	The editorial policy has been updated to include a clear prohibition of AI-generated and AI-paraphrased content, now explicitly stated on the journal's 'Instructions to Authors' page. https://www.als-journal.com/for-authors/#AI%20policy
2.	Strengthen Human Resource by onboarding experienced copyeditors who could iron out minor language, scientific writing of units/names, and layout errors.	One professional copyeditor has been hired, with responsibilities for language quality control, unit formatting, and layout consistency. A detailed editing checklist, featuring all the relevant scientific writing conventions, is now in use.
3.	Strengthen peer review process and strictly implement policy of 'no	A reviewer screening protocol has been added to ensure that no peer reviewers are

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	reviewers from the same institute / department’.	selected from the same institution or department as those of the authors. Also, SOP on considering only institutional email address has been implemented.
4.	Push authors for provisioning of high-quality images/figures.	Author guidelines have been revised to define acceptable resolution (300 DPI or above) and clarity standards for figures. Low-quality images are now returned with a mandatory revision request. https://www.als-journal.com/for-authors/#MTs
5.	Pay special attention to indicators of statistical analyses (in tables, figure and text).	Reviewers and editors are now requested to follow a statistical analysis checklist to ensure inclusion of indicators like standard deviation, standard error, and confidence intervals where appropriate.
6.	Senior editors must take charge when defining category of any manuscript (e.g., full length research article, short communication etc.).	Final decision on assigning category to all accepted articles is now prerogative of the chief editor. This decision shall be taken in consultation with the concerned editor.
7.	Since all members of the editorial team (except web masters) are doctoral students, senior board members must mentor them on best practices of scholarly publishing, screening of figures and validating metadata of submitted manuscripts.	One managing editor from the founding team has been re-called on interim basis for training of the junior editorial team, covering best practices in scholarly publishing.
8.	Since the journal is an international outlet, increase in diversification of geographical origin of authors is encouraged.	Geographical diversity in selection of content for any given issue has been given appropriate weightage. However, this will not outweigh the meritorious selection of manuscripts.

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9.	Recalculation of processing timeline (<i>as given in Section 6 of the Inquiry Report</i>) Seeing the data of processing time of each manuscript and their average is not consistent with the same given on the journal website.	Journal metrics have been updated as per re-analysis done in light of the inquiry report on the content published in 2024/25. https://www.als-journal.com/for-authors/#JM

Article Level Corrections

In line with the industry's best practices and relevant COPE guidelines, specific corrective measures were implemented to address each type of error and discrepancy. The following provides a type-wise breakdown of the corrective actions taken. For further information on article level corrections, please visit the following link.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/19fqZSDL8UvD3YupDi2sn72ma9RRoDsAo>

Table 2: This table features details of the corrective measure taken after issuance of expressions of concern for each type of error / discrepancy at article level as per the advisory of the inquiry team.

Sr. No.	Type of Errors Found After Publishing / Other Discrepancies	Occasions	Corrective Measures Advised in the Final Inquiry Report (2024/25) Released on 12 May 2025	Corrective Measures Taken After Issuance of Expression of Concern
1.	Minor (language and references)	5	Expression of concern is recommended. Minor corrections to be applied by the editorial team in consultation with the authors.	Following editorial note added to all the relevant manuscripts after doing the required corrections. <i>"You are viewing the latest version of this article having minor corrections related to the use of English language and in references section."</i>

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				<i>Expression of concern is hereby revoked."</i>
2.	Errors in references	4	Expression of concern is recommended. Minor corrections to be applied by the editorial team in consultation with the authors.	Following editorial note added to all the relevant manuscripts after doing the required corrections. <i>"You are viewing the latest version of this article having minor corrections in bibliographic section. Expression of concern is hereby revoked."</i>
3.	Major (data/analyses)	1	Expression of concern is recommended. Major corrections to be sent to authors.	Following editorial note added to the relevant manuscripts after doing the required corrections. <i>"Authors are expected to categorically respond to the communicated shortcomings in the statistical analyses by 05 June 2025."</i>
4.	Minor (language)	26	Expression of concern is recommended. Minor corrections to be applied by the editorial team in consultation with the authors.	Following editorial note added to all the relevant manuscripts after doing the required corrections. <i>"You are viewing the latest version of this article having</i>

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				<i>minor corrections related to the use of English language. Expression of concern is hereby revoked."</i>
5.	Record or parts of record not available	6	Expression of concern is recommended. Expulsion of editor / editorial team member process to be started. Record to be recovered.	<p>Following editorial notes (based on the nature of recovered record) added to all the relevant manuscripts after doing the required corrections.</p> <p>(In case record wasn't in line with the current editorial policy).</p> <p><i>"While reconciling the record of Turnitin originality analysis, XX%ⁱ content of this article was found generated using AI tool/s without clear disclosure along with similarity on more than YY%ⁱⁱ with at least one source published prior to this article.</i></p> <p><i>Editorial board of Advancements in Life Sciences has started the process of retracting this article due to the above post-publication findings. The process shall be</i></p>

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				<p><i>concluded after registering responses from the authors. Meanwhile, full text of the article shall remain unavailable for citations (this notice has been updated following insights derived from relevant COPE cases and the industry standards). Show of cause notice has also been issued to the concerned editorial team member."</i></p> <p>(In case record was in line with the current editorial policy).</p> <p><i>"Missing record of the Turnitin Originality / AI Reports has been reconciled by conducting fresh analyses as per the editorial policy. Expression of concern is hereby revoked. Show of cause notice has been issued to the concerned editorial team member."</i></p>
6.	Major (quality of figures)	4	Expression of concern is recommended. Major	Following editorial note added to all the relevant

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			corrections to be sent to the authors.	manuscripts after doing the required corrections. <i>"Readers may please see figures with higher DPI given at the end of Results section in the HTML version. Expression of concern is hereby revoked."</i>
7.	Minor (language and quality of figures)	1	Expression of concern is recommended. Minor corrections to be applied by the editorial team in consultation with the authors.	Following editorial note added to the relevant manuscript after doing the required corrections. <i>"You are viewing the latest version of this article having minor corrections in use of English language. Readers may please see figures with higher DPI given at the end of Results section."</i>
8.	Major (plagiarism and / or AI generated content)	4	Expression of concern is recommended. Retraction is advised after reconfirmation.	Following editorial note added to all the relevant manuscripts after doing the required corrections. <i>"Reference to the above 'editorial expression of concern', this manuscript has been reanalysed through Turnitin for both similarity</i>

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				<i>index and AI generated content. Similarity index was found well within permissible limit along with AI content having 'higher likelihood of false positive'. Therefore, the concern has been revoked. Concern shown at earlier stage was based on the analyses reports of an initial version of this submission."</i>
9.	Inappropriate category assigned	2	Expression of concern is recommended. Expulsion of editor / editorial team member process to be started. Record to be set straight after consultation with the authors.	Following editorial note added to all the relevant manuscripts after doing the required corrections. <i>"The advised corrections have been done and now visible at the relevant links."</i>
10.	Errors in formatting	1	Expression of concern is recommended. Minor corrections to be applied by the editorial team in consultation with the authors.	Following editorial note added to the relevant manuscript after doing the required corrections. <i>"The advised corrections have been done and now visible at the relevant links."</i>

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11.	Errors in metadata	1	Expression of concern is recommended. Minor corrections to be applied by the editorial team in consultation with the authors.	Following editorial note added to the relevant manuscript after doing the required corrections. <i>"The advised corrections have been done and now visible at the relevant links."</i>

Conclusion

The journal has demonstrated strong commitment and prompt action in addressing all the inquiry team's recommendations. As Chief Editor, I also reiterate that the next cohort of the inquiry, i.e., contents published in 2023, 2022, 2021 and 2020, shall be undertaken with the same vigor and focus.

The editorial board is appreciative of the regulatory oversight by the Web of Science and is strongly committed to upkeep the quality standards required for scholarly publishing. We are also thankful to our readers for trusting our platform. Sincerely!



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ⁱ Based on the actual percentage found in the related article via Turnitin Analysis.

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