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- **Why? Violation of the confidentiality agreement**
 - AI models may retain and learn from the manuscript content
 - Cases will be reported to:
 - IEEE RAS Publication Ethics Committee
 - IEEE Publication Committee



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Rules for Double-Anonymous Review Process

«Double-anonymous review means neither authors nor reviewers know each other's identities. This is meant to **eliminate personal biases** related to factors such as gender, seniority, reputation, and institutional affiliation» *(Effective April 1, 2025 for all IEEE RAS fully sponsored journal publications)*

- **Author anonymity requirements** to avoid revealing their identity:
 - No names/affiliations in the manuscript, appendix, or supplementary material
 - No acknowledgements (until after acceptance)
 - Neutral phrasing for self-citations ("In previous work...")
 - Remove names/logos from figures/videos
 - Blur faces in images/videos
 - Avoid identifying metadata in file properties
 - No identity-revealing external links (use anonymisation tools if needed)
 - Preprints can be shared on platforms such as arXiv
- Robot names are allowed only for widely recognised robots (e.g., Nao, Spot)
- **Failure to anonymise can lead to desk rejection**



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