

**TABLE 2**

**A preliminary taxonomy of research misconduct.**

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**Serious research misconduct**

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- Fabrication: invention of data or cases.
- Falsification: wilful distortion of data.
- Plagiarism: copying of ideas, data, or words without attribution.
- Failing to get consent from an ethics committee for research.
- Not admitting that some data are missing.
- Ignoring outliers without declaring it.
- Not including data on side effects in a clinical trial.
- Conducting research in humans without informed consent or without justifying why consent was not obtained to an ethics committee.
- Publication of post hoc analyses without declaration that they were post hoc.
- Gift authorship.
- Not attributing other authors.
- Redundant publication.
- Not disclosing a conflict of interest.
- Not attempting to publish completed research.
- Failure to do an adequate search of existing research before beginning new research.

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**Minor research misconduct**

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