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ABSTRACT

Survey on Responsible Conduct of Research among Researchers in Malaysia

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Introduction: Responsible conduct of research (RCR) is a guideline to ensure high quality of research and prevent breaches of research ethics. According to Steen et. al (2013), the number of retracted articles have spiked in the last ten years. This might be caused by increased research misconduct such as falsification or fabrication of data. It might also be caused by other factors such as poor research design or non-replicable results. Hence, RCR serves as a foundation to improve the trustworthiness of research and prevent misconducts and detrimental research practices. There are currently no national-level studies that evaluate the awareness and attitudes of researchers in Malaysia towards RCR. Therefore, the aim of this study is to fill this knowledge gap through a national survey to study RCR landscape among researchers in Malaysia. **Objectives:** The objectives of this study are to determine the experience of researchers in RCR education, analyse the attitude towards RCR and evaluate the likeliness to whistle-blow. **Methodology:** An online survey has been designed, validated and hosted using Survey Monkey. This survey was approved by University of Malaya's Research Ethic Committee prior to survey distribution via snowball sampling method. We analyzed demographic data, researchers' attitude towards RCR and their likeliness to whistle-blow. The categorical data was analysed using descriptive statistics and the association studies were analysed with Kruskal Wallis, Mannwhitney U Test and Spearman Correlation Test. **Results:** There are 400 respondents who took the survey and 319 respondents have received training in at least one RCR topic. The most common RCR topics these respondents have received training in are authorship and publication, research misconducts and human ethics. There is a slight correlation between respondents' prior experience in RCR training with their attitudes towards RCR. We did not find any correlation between the duration of respondents' research experience and academic qualification with their attitudes towards RCR. Majority of the respondents choose 'somewhat unlikely' and 'somewhat likely' to whistle-blow if they encounter suspicious research misconduct. One third of the respondents are likely to whistle-blow and a minority of 15% are unlikely to whistle-blow. **Discussion and Conclusion:** This study serves as an opportunity to assess the attitude towards RCR among the researchers in Malaysia. A minority of respondents admitted that they rather ignore some research ethics if it means they can hasten the research process. This event

may lead to research misconducts and poor quality research. Although more than half of respondents have RCR training experience, the scope of their training is limited to a few topics. Therefore, it is important to broaden their scope of RCR training to include more topics such as conflict of interests and mentor-mentee ethics. The reasons provided by the respondents who are unwilling or hesitant to whistle-blow when encountering suspicious research misconduct shows that there is a need to provide clear guidelines on reporting misconduct and to ensure the protection of whistle-blowers.

Keywords : Responsible Conduct of Research, Research Ethics, Research Misconducts, Malaysia



ABSTRAK

Kajian terhadap Sikap Penyelidikan yang Bertanggungjawab dalam Kalangan Penyelidik di Malaysia

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Pengenalan: Sikap penyelidikan yang bertanggungjawab (RCR) adalah garis panduan untuk memastikan kualiti penyelidikan dan mencegah pelanggaran etika penyelidikan. Menurut Steen et. al (2013), jumlah artikel penarikan telah meningkat selama sepuluh tahun terakhir. Ini mungkin disebabkan oleh peningkatan salah laku penyelidikan seperti pemalsuan data. Faktor lain seperti reka bentuk penyelidikan yang tidak sesuai atau prosedur penyelidikan yang tidak dapat ditiru semula juga boleh mengundang kepada permasalahan ini. Oleh itu, RCR berfungsi sebagai asas untuk memperbaiki kepercayaan masyarakat terhadap penyelidikan dan mencegah salah laku dan amalan penyelidikan yang merugikan. Ketika ini, data berkenaan kajian penilaian kesedaran dan sikap penyelidik di Malaysia terhadap RCR adalah kurang. Oleh itu, tujuan kajian ini adalah untuk mengisi jurang pengetahuan ini melalui tinjauan nasional untuk mengkaji landskap RCR di kalangan penyelidik di Malaysia. **Objektif:** Objektif kajian ini adalah untuk menentukan pengalaman penyelidik dalam pendidikan RCR, menganalisis sikap terhadap RCR dan menilai kesanggupan responden untuk menjadi pemberi maklumat. **Metodologi:** Sebuah tinjauan dalam talian telah dirancang, disahkan dan dihoskan menggunakan perkhidmatan laman web Survey Monkey. Tinjauan ini telah diluluskan oleh Jawatankuasa Etika Penyelidikan Universiti Malaya sebelum penyebaran tinjauan melalui kaedah 'Snowball Sampling'. Kami menganalisis data demografi, sikap penyelidik terhadap RCR dan kesanggupan mereka untuk memberi maklumat ketika menghadapi salah laku penyelidikan. Data berbentuk kategori dianalisis menggunakan statistik deskriptif dan kajian korelasi dianalisis menggunakan Kruskal Wallis, Mannwhitney U Test dan Spearman Correlation Test. **Hasil Kajian:** Terdapat 400 responden yang terlibat dalam tinjauan dan 319 responden telah mendapat latihan dalam sekurang-kurangnya satu topik RCR. Topik RCR yang kerap dilatih oleh responden ini adalah kepengarangan dan penerbitan, salah laku penyelidikan dan etika manusia. Terdapat hubungan antara pengalaman responden dalam latihan RCR dan sikap mereka terhadap RCR. Kami tidak menemukan hubungan antara jangka masa pengalaman

penyelidikan responden dan kelayakan akademik dengan sikap mereka terhadap RCR. Sebilangan besar responden memilih 'agak tidak mungkin' dan 'agak mungkin' untuk memberi maklumat sekiranya mereka menghadapi salah laku penyelidikan yang mencurigakan. Sepertiga responden cenderung untuk memberi maklumat dan minoriti 15% tidak mungkin memberi maklumat. **Perbincangan dan Kesimpulan:** Kajian ini memberi peluang untuk menilai sikap terhadap RCR di kalangan penyelidik di Malaysia. Sebilangan kecil responden mengaku bahawa mereka lebih suka mengabaikan beberapa etika penyelidikan jika ini bermakna mereka dapat mempercepatkan proses penyelidikan. Kejadian ini boleh mengakibatkan salah laku penyelidikan dan hasil penyelidikan yang tidak berkualiti. Walaupun lebih daripada separuh responden mempunyai pengalaman latihan RCR, skop latihan mereka terbatas pada beberapa topik. Oleh itu, adalah penting untuk memperluas skop latihan RCR mereka untuk memasukkan lebih banyak topik seperti konflik kepentingan dan etika mentor-mentee. Sebab-sebab yang diberikan oleh responden yang tidak mahu atau ragu-ragu untuk memberi maklumat ketika menghadapi salah laku penyelidikan yang mencurigakan menunjukkan bahawa terdapat keperluan untuk memberikan garis panduan yang jelas mengenai melaporkan salah laku dan untuk memastikan perlindungan pemberi maklumat.

Kata kunci: *Kelakuan Penyelidikan Bertanggungjawab, Etika Penyelidikan, Salah Laku Penyelidikan, Malaysia*

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

According to National Institute Health (2009), responsible conduct of research is defined as research that are done with integrity. Integrity includes the basic responsibility of individual, the decision making skills and good research practise. Therefore, Office of Research Integrity (ORI) generalised the responsible conduct of research (RCR) as the good citizenship applied in the professional life. Although NIH has established a training requirement of RCR back in 1989, the incidence of scientific misconduct and the retraction of publication are still alarming. This could cause confusion and public mistrust towards researchers and hence, lead to various misconceptions.

Responsible conduct of research contains guidelines and codes for researchers to ensure the ethics are not breached during the experiments and to certify the reliability and reproducibility of the results. Office of Research Integrity has outlined nine codes of practise in RCR which encompasses human subject research, research misconduct, publication and authorship, animal subject, mentorship, data management, collaborative science, conflict of interest, and peer review (DuBois et. al, 2010).

Although RCR has been introduce globally and a number of committees has been established as a result, there are still countries that does not fully

embody RCR practices. In order to minimize the incidence of publication retraction or research misconducts, various programme and collaboration has been done in order to raise awareness regarding RCR. One of the examples is the Asia Pacific Research Ethics Conference (APREC) that has been held a few time to discuss and share a few important topics including research ethics (Reyes, 2014). The collaboration was made in order to achieve the same goal despite the differences among the nations.

In Malaysia, RCR is considered as a fresh topic among the society. Therefore, various of efforts have been made to increase the awareness of RCR among the researchers. These efforts were made to address the issues regarding the misconducts and detrimental research practices that are becoming more common today. The efforts include the establishment of the RCR module known as 'Malaysian Educational Module on RCR'. This module contains 10 chapters that covered various aspects of RCR, including topics that are recommended by National Institute of Health, USA. Although the universities in Malaysia have established and utilized their own guidelines, RCR training is considered a significant to improvement to refine the integrity and the policies in research.

1.2 Justification of Study

Currently, there is little data on the awareness of RCR among researchers in Malaysia. This is because RCR is a relatively new topic in the country. Therefore, the understanding of the attitude and the past experience of RCR training among the researchers may help in evaluating the knowledge of RCR in Malaysia. The ability to analyze the likeliness to whistle-blow also can result in the discovery of any loopholes in policies regarding the procedure of reporting misconduct or in the protection of whistle-blower. These data can serve as a preliminary insight in understanding the awareness of RCR among researchers in Malaysia and improve any gap in these policies.

1.3 Objectives

Generally, the objective of this study is to assess the landscape of RCR among researchers in Malaysia. The specific objectives of this study are:

1. To determine the past experience of researchers in Malaysia in RCR education.
2. To analyse the attitude of researchers in Malaysia towards RCR.
3. To evaluate the likeliness of researchers in Malaysia to whistle-blow.

1.4 Hypothesis

It is hypothesized that majority of researchers in Malaysia have some form of RCR education and that their attitudes towards RCR are positive. We also hypothesized that the likeliness to whistle-blow varies among the respondents.



CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Researcher's Obligation and Responsible Conduct of Research

Researchers are known to be obliged to three subjects that help in improving their commitment to their professional standards. Firstly, the researchers are obliged to their colleagues by respecting the confidence of the colleagues towards them. Secondly, the researchers are obliged to themselves by being responsible for their own actions and ensuring integrity throughout their career. Lastly, the researcher is also obliged to the society as most research results will vastly affect the society especially in aspects of health and medication (National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering (US) and Institute of Medicine (US) Committee on Science, Engineering, and Public Policy, 2009). These obligations help the researcher to become responsible with the course of actions that they make the entire period of their career and studies.

However, the rules in research can be very complex and therefore, the obligations stated above are not enough to ensure research integrity and ethics. Some research practices are bound by law which needs to be abided. However, at the same time there are non-bounded practices that are written as a code and some practices that are not written but are conveyed through mentoring (Steneck & Zinn, 2007). Hence, responsible conduct of research

have been established to serve as guideline in aspects of the things that researcher can do and cannot do.

2.2 Codes of Responsible Conduct of Research

National Institutes of Health defined responsible conduct of research as the conduct of scientific research with integrity which involve the awareness and practise of accepted professional norms and ethical principals in the entire process. Office of Research Integrity (2007) has listed nine code of practices in responsible conduct of research which are human subject research, animal welfare, research misconduct, publication and authorship, mentorship, data management, collaborative science, conflict of interest and peer review.

2.2.1 Human Research Subjects

Research studies that involve the human as the subject need to undergo some thorough process to obtain ethical approval from an appropriate authority. The authority mentioned is usually the ethical institutional committee such as Institutional Review Board.

According to the ORI Introduction to the Responsible Conduct of Research (2007), human subjects are defined as the living being in which the researcher are investigating to obtain data by either through intervention, interaction or collect any recognizable private information. The interventions in

the experiment sessions may lead to both desirable and undesirable outcome of the human subject. Therefore, this code has been included in the RCR to prioritize the safety and minimize the risk of the subjects.

There are three principles that are maintained for human research subjects. The first principle is the respect towards the decision of the human subjects. The subjects are allowed to make their own decision without any external influence or oppression. The second principle is the beneficence which refer to the responsibility of the researcher to exploit the benefits and keep the risk of the subjects to minimal. The last principle is the justice which involve the act of spreading the benefits and risk to the people without preconception.

2.2.2 Animal Welfare

The usage of animals in the research often received backlashes from the animal lovers society. However, the need of using them for research purposes are undoubtedly essential as it helps in studying biological pathway or pathological diseases and to test the effectiveness of novel treatment. National Research Council Committee United States (2011) have defined animals laboratory as vertebrates that are bred or utilized for experimental and research purposes.

While there are a few organizations have entrusted to oversee the procedures related to animal research, there are also other principles that

have been implemented to prevent from any unnecessary pain and slaughter of animals. Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (2015) have outlined several principles related to the care and uses of laboratory animals. The nine principle have encompasses the transportation, welfare, usage and the treatment of the animals during the entire process.

Another principles that have been implemented is the 3R's principles that have been developed by Russell and Burch in 1959. The 3R's refer to the replacement, reduction and refinement. Replacement is a principle that suggest to find other alternative methods such as in vitro or in silico as a replacement for the animals. The number of the animals used in the animal research must be reduce but are efficient enough for the experiments. Meanwhile, the refinement refers to the experimental procedure where any unnecessary pain or kill must be eliminated.

2.2.3 Research Misconducts

Research misconducts have been defined by Office of Research Integrity (2012) as the act of fabrication, falsification, or plagiarism in proposing, performing or reviewing research or in reporting research results. While fabrication refers to the act of formulating the data or the results, falsification involve the manipulation of the research materials, apparatus, procedures and falsely report them in the records. Meanwhile, plagiarism is the act of not giving an appropriate credit after utilizing an individual's idea, procedures, results or quotation.

However, for an act to be considered as misconducts, it must append under three conditions. The action must be appraised as significant deviation from the accepted practise and done with intention. A consequential evidence must also be provided when reporting the acts. The researchers that commit misconducts often putting their profession at risk. Depending on the misconduct they commit, their career might be abort or they may need to be put under close observation by the higher ups. Regardless, the misconducts is considered as heinous act as it could affect the society.

2.2.4 Authorship and Publication

Authorship refers to individuals that have taken responsibilities in the writing that they have published. The authorship are significant especially in aspects of social, academics and financial. International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (n.d) have suggested four criteria for the authorship. In order to be credited as the author, the individual must have contribute a significant of efforts in the designing of the study, data acquisition, analysis and interpretation. The individual whom involve with the drafting procedure for intellectual content or contribute in the publication can also be granted as author. Lastly, the authors need to take liability in their publication include the integrity and accuracy of the work.

Publication is necessary and become a requirement for the academicians and researchers. The publication of the work allow the outcome of the

research to be known. There are four elements of publication which are abstract, methods, result, discussion and notes, bibliography and acknowledgement.

2.2.5 Mentorship

Office of Research Integrity (n.d) has state that mentors are defined as an experience individual who are willing to share their knowledge, giving aides, guide and provide supports both emotionally and morally to their mentee. Meanwhile, the research trainee is an individual that are learning to become a researchers under the guidance of the supervisors. In this mentor-mentee relationship, both sides must be committed to maintain the research environment. During the period of training, the mentor must supervise their mentee properly to ensure the procedure are safe and ethical. An effective communication need to be established to ease the mentor-mentee relationship.

2.2.6 Data Management

According to Office of Research Integrity (n.d), data management includes all the stages from designing data to discarding the data. Specifically, data management refers to data selection, data collection, data analysis, data handling, data reporting and publishing and data ownership. The Malaysian Code of Responsible Conduct of Research state that both primary and secondary data need to appropriately collected and recorded. The data must

also be stored properly and highly classified if needed. This is to prevent from any leakage of data and prevent the possibilities of false data being published.

2.2.7 Collaborative Science

Collaborative science refer to two or more researchers from different background working together on a project. This type of collaboration may involve people from different fields or institutions. The purpose of collaboration often to exchange knowledge among the researchers to obtain the same goal. In this cases, an effective communication and understanding of the role and responsibilities are important among the researchers. Steneck and Zinn (2007) also have stated that a constructive management over the financial aspects, training and supervision, formal agreements and compliance are necessary in the collaboration research.

2.2.8 Conflict of Interest

According to The Malaysian Code of Responsible Conduct in Research, conflict of interest is a situation which effect the professional judgement of individual in a way that secondary interest overruled the primary interest of the researcher. Conflict of interest may come in different form such as financial gain and personal interest. Financial gain that rise from conflict of interest comes in the form of monetary. Although this situation may causes conflict of interest, Steneck and Zinn (2007) state that there are not exactly wrong as the

researchers deserve to obtain money from their work. However, if it interfere with work, it will be perceived as misconducts. The personal interest refers to bias that may come from the researchers during research procedures such as proposing ideas and reviewing the research.

2.2.9 Peer Review

Peer review is an evaluation process before the results are being published. This process is essential to ensure the quality of the research and at the same time provide assistance to improve any parts of the studies. United States Geological Survey (USGS) defined peer review as a process where an individual's work are analyzed by an experts from the same field. Besides emphasizing the improvement in the study, the reviewer needs to acknowledge the positive sides of the study and support the comments with credentials. They also need to complete their work within the period given and ensure the confidentiality of the work. The reviewer should not discuss the work with anyone else unless it was necessary.

2.3 Research Integrity in Malaysia

Most of the universities and institutions in Malaysia have established their own research ethics committee and guideline. However, a guideline is not enough to guarantee the integrity in research and manage the research quality. According to Olesen et. Al (2018), the improvement on the perception and understanding of misconducts are crucial especially among the students

and academicians. This indicates that the situation related to detrimental research practices and misconducts that damaging the research integrity are more grave than we thought. In order to address this issues, a few suggestions have been made. This includes the modification in the education system that should prioritize the ethics syllabus among the students, a clear definition on research misconducts and emphasizing the consequences of the misconducts.

Another attempt to promote research integrity include the launching of RCR in Malaysia. The RCR programme have lead to various other efforts and collaboration of the researchers and organizations to promote the integrity in the research. These collaborations have lead to Malaysia establish their own RCR module known as 'The Malaysian Code of Responsible Conduct in Research'. Since the introductory of RCR in Malaysia has not been long, there is little data on the influence of the programme among the researchers.

Nevertheless, Olesen et. Al (2019) have conducted an in depth interview with participants that have attended RCR training to determine their experience and impact of the training. Based on their findings, the RCR training have imposed a positive effects on the participants especially in terms of awareness regarding the misconducts and the importance of RCR to maintain the research integrity. The participants also have admitted that RCR training allows them to have a different perception in managing their research and confronting misconducts. However, there is a limitation in the training course in a way that the training are unable to cover all aspects of RCR.

The study also have shown that there are other advantages besides The participants also have added that training RCR also allows them to establish networking with other researchers and promote exchanges of knowledge and collaboration in the research. The gathering of the researchers from different background enable them to have an open discussions to address issues related to misconducts and planning for strategies to improve the research integrity.

2.4 Research Misconducts in Malaysia

Research misconducts are no longer unusual among the society. In fact, it become a concern as the prevalence of unethical research practices are becoming more common over the year. Aspura et. al (2018) have conducted a study to determine the reason behind the retraction of publication in Malaysia. A total of 125 retracted articles have been identified and only two of them are indicted for scientific mistakes. The rest of papers are retracted for the reason of duplicate publication, plagiarism and compromisation in peer review.

Another study conducted by researchers from Spain has listed Malaysia as one of the country identified to have publication retraction from 2013 - 2016. Based on the study, Campos-Varela and Ruano-Ravina (2019) has find that most of the countries involve with the misconduct practices that lead to

the retraction of publication. Out of six articles retracted in Malaysia, two of them are associated with the compromised peer review process.

Although the number may seem insignificant, the probability of the misconducts to be under reported cannot be dismissed. This is because, the culture of Asian to not report misconducts out of respect or obligation are well known. This situation has been affirmed by Olesen et. al (2019) which stated that the obligation to hierarchy and statuses from the upbringing in Asian culture even influence the work environment. Hence, majority of people are hesitant or unlikely to report or become a whistle-blower due to this issues. The study also have emphasize on the lack of the protection for the whistle-blower and the loopholes in the reporting misconduct procedure.

On the other hand, Olesen et. al (2018) have found that the common misconducts among the Malaysian universities are plagiarism and authorship disagreement. However, the misconducts does not being reported as the participants state that the procedure are time and effort consuming in addition to the fear of their identity being exposed. The author also have intensified the concerns regarding the culture of 'publish or perish' pressure that could promote the the unethical research practices.

The same concern have been highlighted in a study on unethical authorship practices among Malaysian higher education institutions by Olesen et. al (2018). In this study, they have found that authorship misconducts are common and the prevalence of this practices are unknown

due to under reported. The culture of 'publish or perish' have been revealed to contribute in this cases. Hence, it is important to address this issues by revising the requirement for the researchers career accordingly.



CHAPTER 3

METHODOLOGY

3.1 Study Design

This study was designed as a survey to collect data on six sections which are acceptance towards RCR, prevalence of misconducts, factors lead to misconducts, likeliness to whistle-blow and demographic data. However, this thesis will focus only on three sections in accordance to our objectives. The online survey platform that are used to host the survey is SurveyMonkey©.

3.2 Development of Survey Instruments

There are various aspects that need to be considered during the development of the survey. The most important aspect is to ensure that the survey is relevant and able to fulfill the objectives of the study. The survey is in English and the words were chosen carefully so it can be simple and straightforward. The demographics data are placed at the end of the survey instead of the beginning to avoid survey fatigue. This survey was validated before the national survey was launched.

3.2.1 Attitude Towards Responsible Conduct of Research

Section A of the survey was developed to evaluate the attitudes of the participants towards RCR. There are 5 statements that are given in the

section and the respondents are required to answer it based on their opinion. The answers are in Likert scale of strongly disagree, disagree, slightly disagree, slightly agree, agree and strongly agree.

3.2.2 Acceptance Towards Research Practices

Section B consists of 21 items that are related to the research practices. This section was developed to determine how acceptable are these research practices. The answer provided are in a Likert scale of strongly unacceptable, unacceptable, slightly unacceptable, slightly acceptable, acceptable and strongly acceptable.

3.2.3 Prevalence of Research Misconducts

Section C of the survey was intended to identify the prevalence of research misconducts and detrimental research practices among the researchers based on their experience. The definition of research misconducts and research detrimental research practices were given at the beginning of the section. This is essential to ensure that the respondents have a good understanding of the research misconducts and detrimental practices. A list of 15 types of research misconducts and detrimental research practices were provided and the respondents required to choose research practices that they have encountered throughout in the last five years of their research career. An open-ended answer box was provided in case the respondents

have experienced misconducts or detrimental research practices besides the one listed.

3.2.4 Factors Contributing to Research Misconducts

In section D, the respondents were given 13 factors that contribute to research misconducts. The respondents are required to choose the top 6 factors out of the 13 factors. An open-ended answer box was provided at the bottom of the section to allow the respondents to list other factors that they think contribute to research misconducts. This section is essential to identify the causes that often lead to research misconducts.

3.2.5 Likelihood to Whistle-blow

Section E was developed to evaluate the likelihood of the respondents to whistle-blow. The definition for the term whistle-blow was given to the respondents. There are 6 options and the respondents only need to choose one. The options are extremely unlikely, unlikely, slightly unlikely, slightly likely, likely and extremely likely. The respondents also need to give reason behind their options in an open-ended box.

3.2.6 Demographic Data

Section F consists of 8 questions that are related to the demographic background of the respondents. This includes gender, age, academic

qualification, current status, research experiences, field of expertise, location of institution and RCR training obtained.

3.3 Sample Selection

The target participants of this study are both former and active researchers that are currently working in Malaysia or outside of Malaysia. In order to capture the most recent experience, only respondents who have conducted research in Malaysia at some point in the past 5 years were included. Snowball sampling method is used. A total of 400 respondents have participated in the survey. The respondents were asked to give their consents before they are able to proceed with the survey. The identity of the respondents were concealed to allow them to feel safe when answering the questionnaires.

3.4 Ethical Approval

This study have received ethical approval from Research Ethics Committee of University of Malaya (UMREC). The ethical number is TNC2/UMREC - 233.

3.5 Statistical Analysis

The raw data obtained from our collaborator was turned into numerical coded for analysis purposes. The statistical software that was used is IBM

SPSS version 20 to analyse the coded data. The categorical data was analyzed using descriptive statistics to obtain the the frequency and percentage. Spearman Correlation Test has been used to evaluate Section A. Meanwhile, Kruskal Wallis and Mannwhitney U test statistics have been done to analyse Section E. The significant level for all the test is 0.05. The Bonferroni Adjustment post-hoc test has been done to identify the significant group for Kruskal Wallis test.



CHAPTER 4

RESULTS

4.1 Demographics Data

The survey was distributed using snowball sampling method and 400 respondents participated in this survey. The inclusion criteria for this survey was that the respondents have conducted research in Malaysia at some point in the past five years. Based on Table 1, there are 220 (55.0%) female respondents, 141 (35.3%) male respondents and 39 (9.8%) respondents that prefer to not answer. A quarter of the respondents are more than 46 years old and 23.3% of them ranged in 36-40 years old. There are 4 missing data in the age section as the respondents give vague or unclassifiable answers such as 40-49, >40, 20s and 30+.

Among the respondents, 248 (62.0%) of them hold Doctoral Degree, 76 (19.0%) of them have Master's Degree and 67 (16.8%) of the respondents have graduated with Bachelor's Degree. The remaining 9 (2.3%) respondents have other academic qualification such as SPM, PhD candidate and fellowship. The majority of 233 (58.3%) of the respondents have current status as academics or researchers at higher education institutes, 9 (2.3%) of them working as researchers in industry or business enterprise and 8 (20%) of them is a post doctoral fellow. The rest of 17 (4.3%) respondents have other status such as currently looking for job, working as a surgeon or food industry and others.

In terms of duration of research experience, 109 (27.3%) of the respondents have 1-5 years of research experience and 23 (5.8%) of them have more than 25 year of experience. Majority of the respondents come from medical or health sciences background (38.5%) followed by natural or applied sciences (25.5%) and engineering (13.0%). Other field of expertise include machine learning, strategic management, food technology and so forth.

As for the location of the institutions, 293 (73.3%) are from Selangor, Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya, Melaka, Negeri Sembilan followed and only 21 (5.3%) are from Sabah, Sarawak, Labuan. The location for others stated by the respondents include “prefer not to answer”, “graduated” and “Hiroshima University”.

Of the 400 respondents, 319 (79.8%) of the respondents have attended RCR training in at least one topic and the remaining 81 (20.3%) have not attended any RCR training (Table 1). Table 2 listed the topics that these respondents received training in. The majority of the respondents attended RCR training on authorship and publication (52.3%) followed by research misconducts (44.5%) and human ethics in research (40.8%). The RCR topic that have the least frequency are financial responsibilities, mentor-mentee ethics and dual use research with 24.8%, 22.5% and 8.0% respectively. Some of the respondents may not officially introduced to the RCR but it is stated that they have read the professional guidelines via internet or self learning, educated by mentors or from their academic learning session.

Table 1 : Demographics data of the respondents.

Demographics (N = 400)	n (%)
Gender	
Male	141 (35.3)
Female	220 (55.0)
Prefer not to answer	39 (9.8)
Age	
< 25 years old	51 (12.8)
26 - 30 years old	34 (8.5)
31 - 35 years old	61 (15.3)
36 - 40 years old	93 (23.3)
41 - 45 years old	57 (14.3)
>46 years old	100 (25.0)
Missing data	4 (1.0)
Academic Qualification	
Bachelor's Degree	67 (16.8)
Master's Degree ((MSc, MA, MBA, Meng etc)	76 (19.0)
Doctoral Degree (PhD, DPhil, DBA, DrPH etc)	248 (62.0)
Others	9 (2.3)
Current Status	
Undergraduate Students	28 (7.0)
MSc Students	29 (7.3)
PhD Students	40 (10.0)
Post-doctoral fellow	8 (2.0)
Academics/Researchers at Higher Education Institutions	233 (58.3)
Researchers in Government Agencies	36 (9.0)
Researchers in Industry/Business Enterprise	9 (2.3)
Other	17 (4.3)
Duration of Research Experience	
< 1 year	28 (7.0)
1 - 5 years	109 (27.3)
6 - 10 years	97 (24.3)
11 - 15 years	73 (18.3)
16 - 20 years	45 (11.3)
21 - 25 years	25 (6.3)
> 25 years	23 (5.8)
Field of Expertise	
Business (e.g.: Accounting, economics, finance, management, marketing, etc.)	13 (3.3)
Humanities (e.g.: Art, history, languages, philosophy, religion, etc.)	6 (1.5)
Social sciences (e.g.: Education, law, psychology, political	50 (12.5)

science, etc.)	
Medical/Health sciences (e.g.: Biomedical sciences, medicine, pharmacy, dentistry, etc.)	154 (38.5)
Natural/Applied sciences (e.g.: Biology, chemistry, physics, computer science, etc.)	102 (25.5)
Engineering	52 (13.0)
Mathematics	5 (1.3)
Other	18 (4.5)

Institutional Locations

Selangor, Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya, Melaka, Negeri Sembilan	293 (73.3)
Johor, Kelantan, Terengganu, Pahang	42 (10.5)
Penang, Perlis, Kedah, Perak	39 (9.8)
Sabah, Sarawak, Labuan	21 (5.3)
Other	5 (1.3)

Exposure to RCR Training

Have attended RCR training in at least one topic	319 (79.8)
Have not attended any RCR training	81 (20.3)

Table 2 : The RCR training attended by the respondents.

RCR Training	n (%)
Authorship and publication	209 (52.3)
Research misconduct (i.e.: fabrication, falsification, plagiarism)	178 (44.5)
Ethics of human use in research	163 (40.8)
Conflict of interest	133 (33.3)
Ethics of animal use in research	122 (30.5)
Data management (e.g.: data sharing or storage)	115 (28.8)
Peer review practices	107 (26.8)
Collaborative research	104 (26.0)
Biosafety or biosecurity	101 (25.3)
Financial responsibilities (e.g.: management of research funds)	99 (24.8)
Mentor-Mentee ethics (e.g.: management of relationships between mentor and mentee, etc.)	90 (22.5)
Dual use research	32 (8.0)
Other	11 (2.8)

RCR training attended by respondents

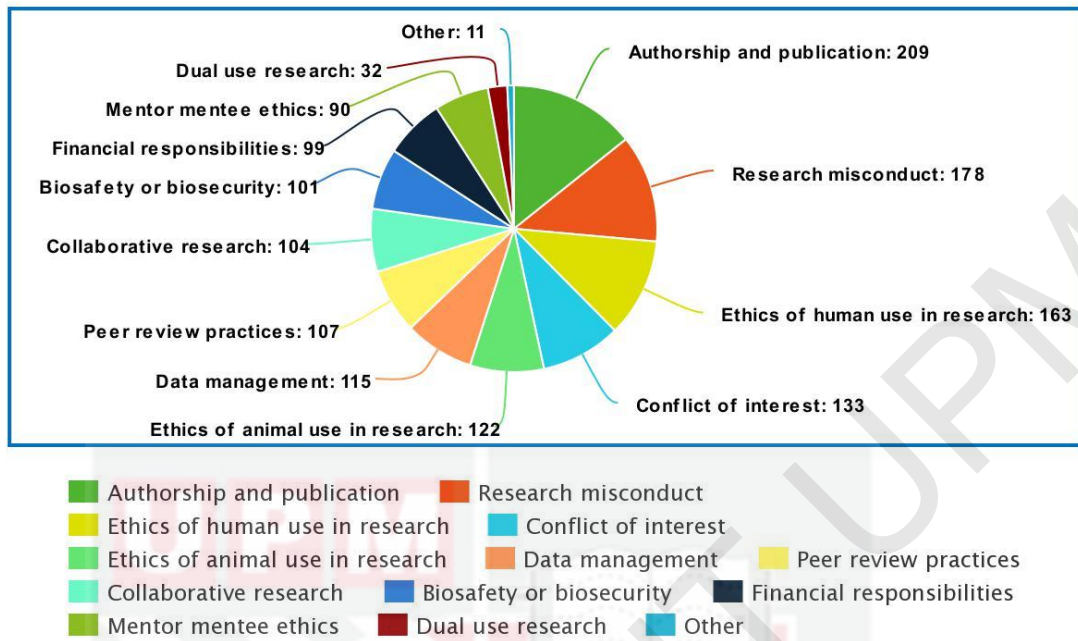


Fig. 1 The RCR training topics attended by respondents.

4.2 Attitude towards Responsible Conduct of Research

The respondents were asked about their attitudes towards responsible conduct of research. There are 5 items in this section of the survey, and it is a six points Likert scale questions and the selections range from strongly disagree to strongly agree. Table 3 summarises the response of the respondents. Since statement 4 is a negative statement, reverse coding were needed to ensure the consistency in the answer before analyzing the data.

Instead of analyzing the statements individually, the mean scores from all 5 statements of each respondents were tabulated. The data has been treated as a continuous data and Spearman Correlation Test was carried out. As

shown in Table 4, there is no correlation between the academic qualification and attitude towards issues in research practices ($r_s = 0.095$, $p = 0.057$). There is also no correlation observed between the duration of research experience and the attitude towards issues in research practices ($r_s = 0.078$, $p = 0.120$). In contrast, there is slight correlation between the RCR training and the attitude towards issues in research practices ($r_s = -0.099$, $p = 0.047$). However, according to the rule of thumbs by Schober et al. (2018), the correlation coefficient of the RCR training and attitude towards issues in research practices are considered as negligible correlation.

Table 3 : The attitude towards responsible conduct of research.

Statements	Strongly Disagree n (%)	Disagree n (%)	Slightly Disagree n (%)	Slightly Agree n (%)	Agree n (%)	Strongly Agree n (%)
I am concerned that irresponsible research practices are becoming more common.	9 (2.3)	37 (9.3)	38 (9.5)	81(20.3)	150 (37.5)	85 (21.3)
I feel that it is important for researchers to adopt responsible conduct of research practices.	6 (1.5)	1 (0.3)	1 (0.3)	4 (1.0)	107 (26.8)	281(70.3)
I feel that adherence to responsible conduct of research guidelines help me in conducting research.	4 (1.0)	5 (1.3)	5 (1.3)	20 (5.0)	186 (46.5)	180 (45.0)
I would ignore some responsible conduct of research principles if it means I can speed up my research.	147 (36.8)	152 (38.0)	38 (9.5)	38 (9.5)	19 (4.8)	6 (1.5)
I feel that Responsible Conduct of Research education is essential in the training of all researchers.	5 (1.3)	2 (0.5)	2 (0.5)	10 (2.5)	121 (30.3)	260 (65.0)

Table 4 : The correlation test between the attitude and the demographic data.

Demographic data	Correlation Coefficient (r_s)	p - value
Academic Qualification	0.095	0.057
Duration of Research Experience	0.078	0.120
Have attended RCR training in at least one topic	- 0.099	0.047

4.3 Likelihood to whistle-blow

Next, the respondents were asked to answer the question of how willing are they to become a whistle-blower if they witness any research misconducts. The respondents were given a six point Likert scales which range from extremely likely to extremely unlikely to choose. From the data presented in Table 5, we identified that majority of the respondents chose 'somewhat likely' and 'somewhat unlikely' as their answer with 28.5% and 24.5% respectively. Meanwhile, 5.3% of the respondents that are extremely unlikely and 11.5% of them are unlikely to become a whistle-blower. The reason behind the responses for these answers are all related to the fear of their identity as a whistle-blower might be exposed which will risk their current career or opportunities. Some of them also stated that they are unwilling or hesitate to report as the procedure are strenuous and troublesome. There are also respondents that have reported the misconducts but they found out that the perpetrator either escape the punishment or only receive a light punishment since they have connection with the higher ups.

Another reason that lead the respondents to hesitate or unwilling to become a whistle-blower is the ambiguous procedure of reporting misconducts. In contrast, there are 22.8% and 7.5% of the respondents that are likely and extremely likely to become a whistle-blower for the reason of increasing the awareness regarding misconducts. Some respondents also find misconducts as an unacceptable research practices that may damage the

research integrity. Hence, they are willing to become a whistle-blower for the sake of morality and ethics.

Table 5 : The response for the likeliness to whistle-blow.

If you encountered research misconduct or detrimental research practices, how likely are you to "whistle-blow"?	n (%)
Extremely Unlikely	21 (5.3)
Unlikely	46 (11.5)
Somewhat Unlikely	98 (24.5)
Somewhat Likely	114 (28.5)
Likely	91 (22.8)
Extremely Likely	30 (7.5)

In order to find association between the likeliness to whistle-blow and the academic qualification, we ran a Kruskal Wallis analysis. As depicted in Table 6, there are significant differences in the academic qualification group for the likeliness to whistle-blow with $H(3) = 15.033$ and $p = 0.002$. Further post-hoc analysis using pairwise comparison was conducted to identify the group that contributed to the significant differences. Analysis in Table 7 has showed that there are differences between the respondents with doctoral degree and respondents that listed "others" as their academic qualification ($p = 0.009$). Moreover, Figure 2 revealed that the respondents that listed "others" as their academic qualification background are highly likely to become a whistle-blower compared to respondents with doctoral degree. Since, the total respondents who listed "others" as their academic qualification is only 2.3% and therefore, we considered this differences as negligible.

Table 6 : The association between the likeliness to whistle-blow and the academic qualification using Kruskal Wallis test analysis.

Statement	Demographics	n (%)	H	df	p - value
If you encountered research misconduct or detrimental research practices, how likely are you to "whistle-blow"?	Academic Qualification				
	Bachelor's Degree	67 (16.8)	15.033	3	0.002
	Master's Degree	76 (19.0)			
	Doctoral Degree	248 (62.0)			
	Others	9 (2.3)			

Table 7 : The post-hoc test for the association between the likeliness to whistle-blow and the academic qualification.

Demographic Data	Pairwise Comparison	Test Statistics	Standard Error	Standard Test Statistics	p - value	Adjusted p - value
Academic Qualification	Doctoral degree - Master's degree	23.791	14.761	1.612	0.107	0.642
	Doctoral degree - Bachelor's degree	35.394	15.502	2.283	0.022	0.134
	Doctoral degree - Others	- 121.630	38.203	- 3.184	0.001	0.009
	Master's degree - Bachelor's degree	11.604	18.867	615	0.539	1.000
	Master's degree - Others	- 97.839	38.688	- 2.465	0.014	0.082
	Bachelor's degree - Others	- 86.235	39.970	- 2.158	0.031	0.186

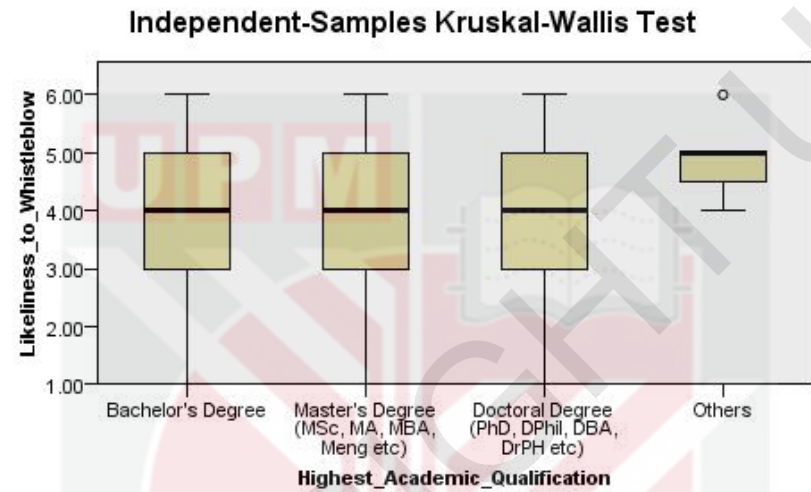


Fig 2. The distribution of likeliness to whistle-blow among the academic qualification data.

We also have compared the likeliness to whistle-blow to the duration of research experience. Initially, data that we collected were numerical. Therefore, we sorted and classified the data into three categories, which are early career, mid-career and late-career. Early career refer to the respondents with duration of research experience with 1 - 5 years. Meanwhile, mid-career are respondents with 6 - 15 years research experience and late-career respondents have more than 16 years of research experience.

Kruskal Wallis test analysis were utilized to analyse the association between the duration of research experience of 3 categories with the likeliness to whistle-blow. The result of the analysis is shown in the Table 8. Our data shown that there are significant differences in the duration of research experience and the likeliness to whistle-blow ($H(2) = 10.215$, $p = 0.006$). Post-hoc test in Table 9 revealed that the respondents in their mid-career have significant differences to the respondents in their late-career ($p = 0.006$). The differences can also be observed in the boxplot graph displayed in Figure 3. Our data shows that mid-career researchers are less likely to whistle-blow than late-career researchers.

Table 8 : The association between the likeliness to whistle-blow and the duration of research experience (3 categories) using Kruskal Wallis test analysis.

Statement	Demographics	n (%)	H	df	p - value
If you encountered research misconduct or detrimental research practices, how likely are you to "whistle-blow"?	Duration of Research Experience - 3 categories				
	1 - 5 years (early career)	137 (34.3)	10.215	2	0.006
	6 - 15 years (mid-career)	170 (42.5)			
	> 16 years (late-career)	93 (23.3)			

Table 9 : The post-hoc test for the association between the likeliness to whistle-blow and the duration of research experience (3 categories).

Demographic Data	Pairwise Comparison	Test Statistics	Standard Error	Standard Test Statistics	p - value	Adjusted p - value
Duration of research experience (3 categories)	6 - 15 years (mid-career) - 1 - 5 years (early career)	26.067	12.926	2.017	0.044	0.131
	6 - 15 years (mid-career) - > 16 years (late-career)	- 44.675	14.521	- 3.077	0.002	0.006
	1 - 5 years (early career) - >16 years (late-career)	- 18.608	15.127	- 1.230	0.219	0.656
	6 - 15 years (mid-career) - 1 - 5 years (early career)	26.067	12.926	2.017	0.044	0.131

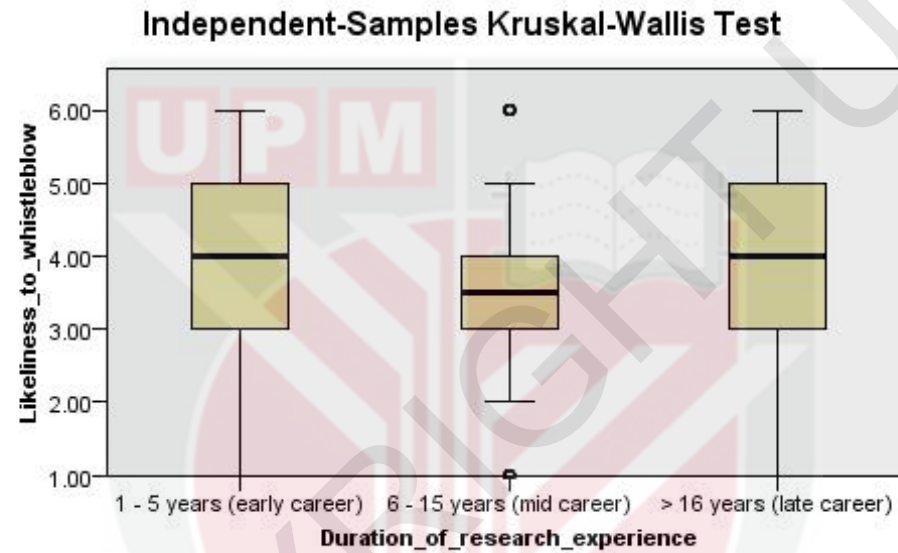


Fig 3. The distribution of likeliness to whistle-blow among the duration of research experience (3 categories).

In addition, we also classified the duration of research experience into 7 categories which are <1 year, 1 - 5 years, 6 - 10 years, 11 - 15 years, 21 - 25 years and >25 years. The result of Kruskal Wallis test shown in Table 10 has revealed significant differences between the duration of research experience with $H(6) = 22.713$ and $p = 0.001$. The differences between the group has been visualized in form of box plot in Figure 4. The pairwise comparison in Table 11 have unveil that two pairs of group contributed to the significant differences. The first pair are respondents with 6 - 10 years research experience with respondents with less than one year of reserch experience ($p = 0.013$). Those who have 6 - 10 years of research experience are less likely to whistle-blow compare to those with less than one year of research experience. The other pair are respondents with 6 - 10 years research experience with respondents with more than 25 years research experience ($p = 0.019$). Researchers with 6 - 10 years of research experience are less likely to whistle-blow compare to those with more than 25 years of research experience.

We also analyzed the associations between the exposure to RCR training and the likeliness to whistle-blow using Mannwhitney U test analysis. We observed that there are no significant differences between respondents who have attended RCR training in at least one topic and respondents with no exposure to RCR training in their likeliness to whistle-blow ($p = 0.509$).

Table 10 : The association between the likeliness to whistle-blow and the duration of research experience (7 categories) using Kruskal Wallis test analysis.

Statement	Demographics	n (%)	H	df	p - value
If you encountered research misconduct or detrimental research practices, how likely are you to "whistle-blow"?	Duration of Research Experience - 7 categories				
	<1 year	28 (7.0)	22.713	6	0.001
	1 - 5 years	109 (27.3)			
	6 - 10 years	97 (24.3)			
	11 - 15 years	73 (18.3)			
	16 - 20 years	45 (11.3)			
	21 - 25 years	25 (6.3)			
	>25 years	23 (5.8)			

Table 11 : The post-hoc test for the association between the likeliness to whistle-blow and the duration of research experience (7 categories).

Demographic Data	Pairwise Comparison	Test Statistics	Standard Error	Standard Test Statistics	p -value	Adjusted p - value
Duration of research experience (7 categories)	6 - 10 years - 1 - 5 years	32.896	15.715	2.093	0.036	0.763
	6 - 10 years - 11 - 15 years	- 39.672	17.445	- 2.274	0.023	0.482
	6 - 10 years - 16 - 20 years	- 41.151	20.306	- 2.026	0.043	0.897
	6 - 10 years - >25 years	- 77.764	26.111	- 2.978	0.003	0.061
	6 - 10 years - <1 year	82.833	24.153	3.429	0.001	0.013
	6 - 10 years - 21 - 25 years	- 83.951	25.253	- 3.324	0.001	0.019
	1 - 5 years - 11 - 15 years	- 6.776	17.027	- 0.398	0.691	1.000
	1 - 5 years - 16 - 20 years	- 8.254	19.949	- 0.414	0.679	1.000
	1 - 5 years - > 25 years	- 44.867	25.834	- 1.737	0.082	1.000
	1 - 5 years - <1 year	49.936	23.853	2.093	0.036	0.762
	1 - 5 years - 21 - 25 years	- 51.054	24.966	- 2.045	0.041	0.858
	11 - 15 years - 16 - 20 years	- 1.478	21.338	- 0.069	0.945	1.000
	11 - 15 years - >25 years	- 38.091	26.921	- 1.415	0.157	1.000
	11 - 15 years - <1 year	43.160	25.027	1.725	0.085	1.000
	11 - 15 years - 21 - 25 years	- 44.278	26.089	- 1.697	0.090	1.000
	16 - 20 years - >25 years	- 36.613	28.858	- 1.269	0.205	1.000
	16 - 20 years - <1 year	41.682	27.099	1.538	0.124	1.000
	16 - 20 years - 21 - 25 years	- 42.800	28.084	- 1.524	0.128	1.000
	>25 years - <1 year	5.069	31.683	0.160	0.873	1.000
	>25 years - 21 - 25 years	6.187	32.529	0.190	0.849	1.000
<1 year - 21 - 25 years	- 1.118	30.979	- 0.036	0.971	1.000	

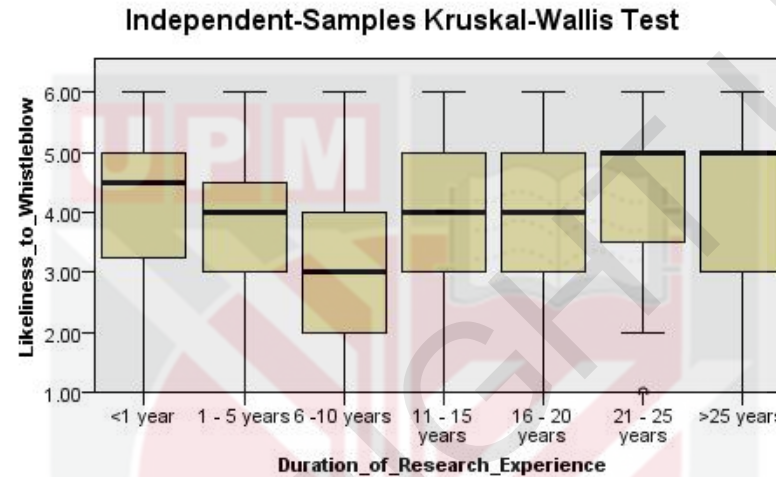


Fig 4. The distribution of likeliness to whistle-blow among the duration of research experience (7 categories).

Table 12 : The association between the likeliness to whistle-blow and the exposure to RCR training using Mannwhitney U test analysis.

Statement	Demographic Data	n (%)	U	p - value (2 tailed)
If you encountered research misconduct or detrimental research practices, how likely are you to "whistle-blow"?	RCR Training			
	Have attended RCR training in at least one topic	319 (79.8)	12,321.500	0.509
	Have not attended any RCR training	81 (20.3)		

Up to this point, the classification of the likeliness to whistle-blow is a 6 point Likert scale. We consolidate the likeliness to whistle-blow into a 3 points Likert scale by combining 'extremely unlikely' and 'unlikely' into 'unlikely', 'somewhat unlikely' and 'somewhat likely' into 'neutral' and grouping 'likely' and 'extremely likely' were classified as 'likely'. The likeliness of the respondents to whistle-blow under this new classification is presented in Table 13. There are 53% respondents who stands "neutral" in becoming whistle-blower. In contrast, 30.3% and 16.8% of the respondents are likely and unlikely to become whistle-blower respectively. Thus, from the data we can infer that more than half of the respondents are hesitate to become a whistle-blower.

Table 13 : The response for the likeliness to whistle-blow with 3 points scale.

If you encountered research misconduct or detrimental research practices, how likely are you to "whistle-blow"?	n (%)
Unlikely	67 (16.8)
Neutral	212 (53.0)
Likely	121 (30.3)

We repeated the analysis of comparing the likeliness to whistle-blow under this new classification with demographic data. Kruskal Wallis analysis of academic qualification exhibited the same result with the previous analysis. As depicted in Table 14, there are significant differences observed between the academic qualification and the likeliness to whistle-blow of 3 points Likert scale ($H(3) = 14.348, p = 0.002$). Further pairwise comparison showed that

the respondents with doctoral degree and respondents who listed “others” as their academic qualification has contributed to the differences ($p = 0.008$)(Table 15) . The differences between the pair can also be seen in Figure 5. However, as mentioned in the previous analysis, we did not find this as meaningful since the number of the respondents who listed “others” as their academic qualification is only 2.3%.



Table 14 : The association between the likeliness to whistle-blow with 3 points scale and the academic qualification using Kruskal Wallis test analysis.

Statement	Demographic Data	n (%)	H	df	p - value
If you encountered research misconduct or detrimental research practices, how likely are you to "whistle-blow"?	Academic Qualification				
	Bachelor's Degree	67 (16.8)	14.348	3	0.002
	Master's Degree	76 (19.0)			
	Doctoral Degree	248 (62.0)			
	Others	9 (2.3)			

Table 15 : The post-hoc test for the likeliness to whistle-blow with 3 points scale and the academic qualification.

Demographic Data	Pairwise Comparison	Test Statistics	Standard Error	Standard Test Statistics	p - value	Adjusted p - value
Academic Qualification	Doctoral degree - Master's degree	21.364	13.716	1.558	0.119	0.716
	Doctoral degree - Bachelor's degree	29.662	14.404	2.059	0.039	0.237
	Doctoral degree - Others	- 114.095	35.498	- 3.214	0.001	0.008
	Master's degree - Bachelor's degree	8.297	17.531	0.473	0.636	1.000
	Master's degree - Others	- 92.730	36.878	- 2.515	0.012	0.072
	Bachelor's degree - Others	- 84.433	37.139	- 2.273	0.023	0.38

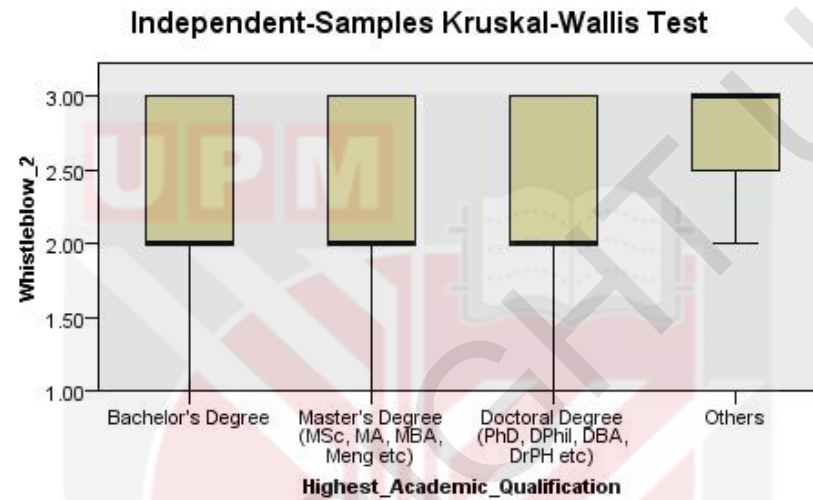


Fig 5. The distribution of likeliness to whistle-blow with 3 categories among the academic qualification group.

Next, we also analysed the correlation between the likeliness to whistle-blowing this new of 3 points Likert scale with the duration of research experience of early career, mid-career and late career. The outcome of this analysis are as shown in the Table 16 in which there are significant differences between the duration of research experiences of 3 categories with the likeliness to whistle-blow of 3 points measurement ($H(2) = 10.297, p = 0.006$). A pairwise comparison in Table 17 shown that mid-career respondents and late-career researchers contributed to the significant differences. The differences between the two group is illustrated in the form of boxplot graph in Figure 6. Just like what we showed before, mid-career researchers are less likely to whistle-blow ("neutral") compared to late-career respondents ("likely").

Table 16 : The association between the likeliness to whistle-blow with 3 points scale and the duration of research experience (3 categories) using Kruskal Wallis test analysis.

Statement	Demographic Data	n (%)	Mean Rank	H	df	p - value
If you encountered research misconduct or detrimental research practices, how likely are you to "whistle-blow"?	Duration of Research Experience - 3 categories					
	1 - 5 years (early career)	137 (34.3)	205.00	10.297	2	0.006
	6 - 15 years (mid-career)	170 (42.5)	183.14			
	> 16 years (late-career)	93 (23.3)	225.61			

Table 17 : The post-hoc test for the likeliness to whistle-blow with 3 points scale and the duration of research experience (3 categories).

Demographic Data	Pairwise Comparison	Test Statistics	Standard Error	Standard Test Statistics	p -value	Adjusted p - value
Duration of research experience (3 categories)	6 - 15 years (mid-career) - 1 - 5 years (early career)	21.865	12.011	1.820	0.069	0.206
	6 - 15 years (mid-career) - > 16 years (late-career)	- 42.478	13.493	- 3.148	0.002	0.005
	1 - 5 years (early career) - >16 years (late-career)	- 20.613	14.056	- 1.467	0.143	0.428

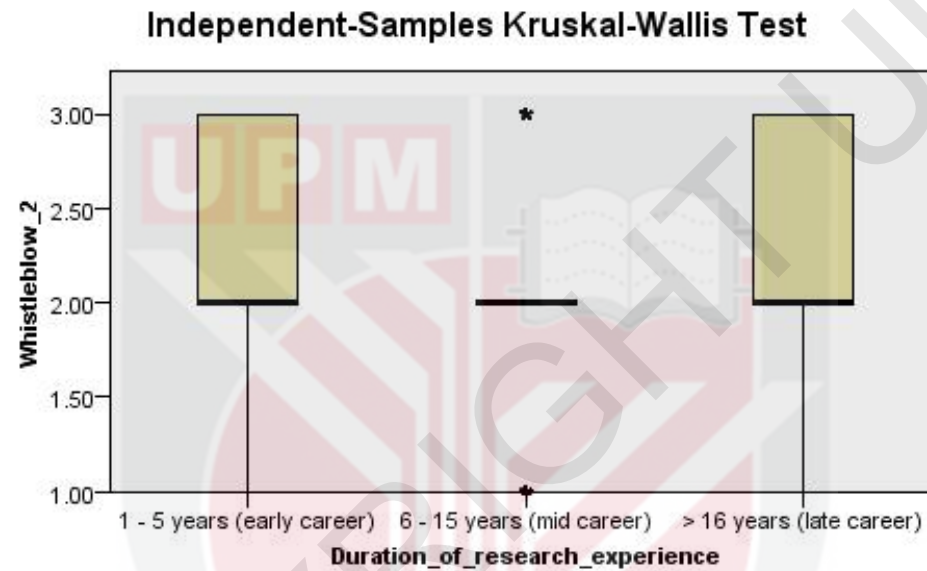


Fig 6. The distribution of likeliness to whistle-blow with 3 point scale among the combined version of duration of research experience (3 categories).

Previously, we describe the categorization of the duration of research experience into 7 categories. The outcome of Kruskal Wallis test analysis for the associations is the same as previous analysis. There is a significant differences between the two variable with $H(6) = 22.915$ and $p = 0.001$ (Table 18). Interestingly, the post-hoc test in Table 19 have showed that there are three pairs in the group that have contributed to the significant differences. The three pairs are 6 - 10 years - <1 year pair, 6 - 10 years - >25 years pair and 6 - 10 years - 21 - 25 years pair with p-value of 0.030, 0.027 and 0.017 respectively. The differences between the pairs are illustrated in Figure 7. The respondents with 6 - 10 years research experiences are less likely to whistle-blow compared to respondents with less than one year research experiences. The respondents with 6 - 10 years research experiences are also less likely to become a whistle-blower compared to researchers with 21 - 25 years research experiences and respondents with more than 25 years research experiences.

Finally, we analysed the RCR education experience of the researchers and their likeliness to whistle-blow under the new 3 point classification. The Mannwhitney U test analysis in Table 20 showed that there is no significant differences between the groups in their likeliness to whistle-blow ($U = 12,415.500$ and $p = 0.549$). The outcome of this analysis is the same with the previous analysis. There is no differences between the respondents who have attended RCR training in at least one topic and the respondents with no experience in RCR training..

Table 18 : The association between the likeliness to whistle-blow with 3 points scale and the duration of research experience (7 categories) using Kruskal Wallis test analysis.

Statement	Demographic Data	n (%)	H	df	p - value
If you encountered research misconduct or detrimental research practices, how likely are you to "whistle-blow"?	Duration of Research Experience - 7 categories				
	<1 year	28 (7.0)	22.915	6	0.001
	1 - 5 years	109 (27.3)			
	6 - 10 years	97 (24.3)			
	11 - 15 years	73 (18.3)			
	16 - 20 years	45 (11.3)			
	21 - 25 years	25 (6.3)			
> 25 years	23 (5.8)				

Table 19 : The post-hoc test for the association between the likeliness to whistle-blow with 3 points scale and the duration of research experience.

Demographic Data	Pairwise Comparison	Test Statistics	Standard Error	Standard Test Statistics	p - value	Adjusted p - value
Duration of Research experience (7 categories)	6 - 10 years - 1 - 5 years	25.386	14.602	1.738	0.082	1.000
	6 - 10 years - 11 - 15 years	- 30.217	16.209	- 1.864	0.062	1.000
	6 - 10 years - 16 - 20 years	- 30.940	18.869	- 1.640	0.101	1.000
	6 - 10 years - <1 year	71.644	22.443	3.192	0.001	0.030
	6 - 10 years - >25 year	- 78.079	24.262	- 3.218	0.001	0.027
	6 - 10 years - 21 - 25 years	- 78.760	23.464	- 3.357	0.001	0.017
	1 - 5 years - 11 - 15 years	- 4.831	15.822	- 0.305	0.760	1.000
	1 - 5 years - 16 - 20 years	- 5.554	18.536	- 0.300	0.764	1.000
	1 - 5 years - <1 year	46.258	22.164	2.087	0.037	0.775
	1 - 5 years - >25 years	- 52.693	24.005	- 2.195	0.028	0.591
	1 - 5 years - 21 - 25 years	- 53.374	23.198	- 2.301	0.021	0.449
	11 - 15 years - 16 - 20 years	- 0.723	19.827	- 0.036	0.971	1.000
	11 - 15 years - <1 year	41.427	23.254	1.781	0.075	1.000
	11 - 15 years - >25 years	- 47.862	25.015	- 1.913	0.056	1.000
	11 - 15 years - 21 - 25 years	- 48.543	24.242	- 2.002	0.045	0.950
	16 - 20 years - <1 year	40.704	25.180	1.616	0.106	1.000
	16 - 20 years - >25 years	- 47.139	26.815	- 1.758	0.079	1.000
	16 - 20 years - 21 - 25 years	- 47.820	26.815	- 1.758	0.079	1.000
	<1 year - >25 years	- 6.436	29.439	- 0.219	0.827	1.000
	<1 year - 21 - 25 years	- 7.116	28.786	- 0.247	0.805	1.000
>25 years - 21 - 25 years	0.681	30.225	0.023	0.982	1.000	

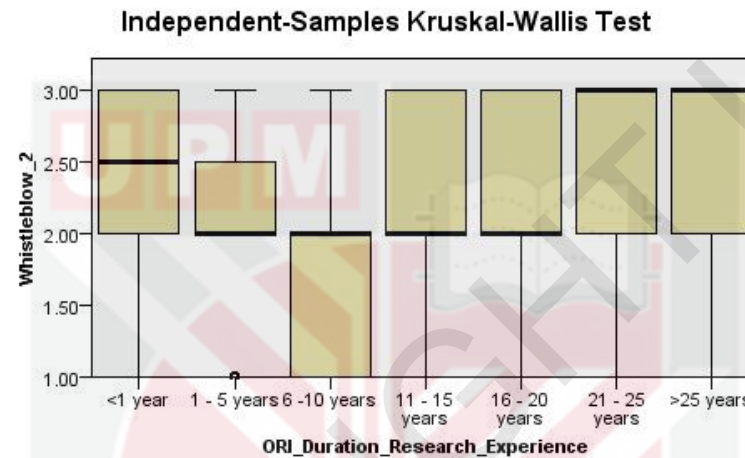


Fig 7. The distribution of likeliness to whistle-blow with 3 points scales among the duration of research experience (7 categories).

Table 20 : The association between the likeliness to whistle-blow with 3 points scale and the exposure to RCR training using Mannwhitney U test analysis.

Statement	Demographic Data	n (%)	U	p - value (2 tailed)
If you encountered research misconduct or detrimental research practices, how likely are you to "whistle-blow"?	RCR Training			
	Have attended RCR training in at least one topic	319 (79.8)	12,415.500	0.549
	Have not attended any RCR training	81 (20.3)		

CHAPTER 5

DISCUSSION

5.1 Demographics Data of the Respondents

There are 79.8% of the respondents have attended RCR training in at least one topic and the most common RCR topics are authorship and publication (52.3%), research misconduct (44.5%) and human ethics (40.8%). According to Olesen et. al (2018), the most common misconduct practices in Malaysian Universities are plagiarism and arguments on authorship. These explain the reason behind both authorship and publication and human ethics being the most common topics in RCR training. Meanwhile, human ethics is one of the most common topic because majority of our respondents have medical or health sciences background (38.5%).

In contrast, the least common RCR training topics are dual use research (8.0%), mentor-mentee ethics (22.5%) and financial responsibilities (24.8%). The cases of misconducts related to these three topics may be less common or under reported in the research society. Hence, the topics have been neglected and underrated compared to other RCR topics.

As mentioned, the respondents are unable to represent the whole population of researchers. We deduce that the uneven demographic data may be due to the limitation of the snowball sampling method. Therefore, more

respondents from various backgrounds are needed to have an appropriate representation of the researchers in Malaysia.

5.2 Attitude towards Responsible Conduct of Research

Five statements related to issues in research practices has been given to the respondents to analyze their attitude towards RCR. Table 3 has summarize the distribution of the responses for each of the statements. Majority of the respondents have agreed to Statement 2, Statement 3 and Statement 5 which are related to the importance of application of RCR in the research. Olesen et. Al (2019) has stated that training of researchers in RCR have positive impact on the awareness and attitude towards RCR. This may be the results of the endless efforts in RCR education among the researchers.

However, there are some concerns regarding the awareness and the pursuit of detrimental research practices that have depicted in Statement 1 and Statement 4. As observed in Table 3, there are about 20% of the respondents have disagreed with Statement 1 which reflected the awareness of research detrimental in the society. Meanwhile, around 16% of the respondents have find Statement 4 which illustrate the responsibilities of researchers towards their research quality as disagreeable. We perceived this value as significant in consideration of our large sample size. These data displayed a contrast between the importance of RCR and the research misconducts. Although the researchers may understand the value of RCR, the culture that encourage misconducts may still persists over the year.

Therefore, there is a need to address this issues as we are concern that some researchers will disregard research ethics despite knowing the importance of RCR.

Table 4 has shown that there is slight correlation between RCR training and the attitude towards RCR. The correlation portray that the more respondents are exposed to RCR education, the poorer the attitude towards RCR ($r_s = - 0.099$, $p = 0.047$). The reason behind this result are yet to be determined. However, we speculate that it might be related to our sample size and uneven demographic data. Based on Schober et. Al (2018), the correlation coefficient of $- 0.099$ are deemed to be negligible. Even so, the author also state that most researchers may misinterpret the variables are not related if the correlation coefficient are close to zero. Hence, a detail analysis on a sample that able to represent the whole population are needed.

5.3 Likeliness to Whistle-blow

Section E has centralize on the inclination of the respondents to become a whistle-blower in case they encounter misconducts and the reason behind their answers. As Table 5 depicted, majority of the respondents have chose 'somewhat likely' and 'somewhat unlikely' with 28.5% and 24.5% respectively. We have been looking from another perspectives and based on Table 11, we infer that more than half of the respondents are hesitant and 16.8% of them are unlikely to become a whistle-blower. Based on the reasons they provided, most of them are afraid that their identity as a whistle-blower might be

exposed and affect their current career. Some of the respondents also have mentioned about the reporting misconducts that are vague and taking too much time. Another major reason that lead them unlikely and hesitate to become whistle-blower is the fact that the misconducts involve their close acquaintance or higher ups. These indicate that there is a need to revise the guideline of reporting the misconducts and the strengthen protection for the whistle-blowers.

A Kruskal Wallis and Mannwhitney U Test have been done to analyzed both data on likeliness to whistle-blow against academic qualification, duration of research experience and exposure to RCR training. Based on Table 6 and Table 12, there are significant differences between the academic qualification and the likeliness to whistle-blow. The post-hoc test have reveal that the respondents with doctoral degrees and others academic qualification have contributed to the differences. However, since respondents with other academic qualification only has 9 respondents, we considered this value as insignificant.

In terms of duration of research experiences, there that contribute to the significant differences among the group. Based on Table 9 and Table 15, there are differences in respondents with mid-career experiences and late-career experiences. Figure 3 and Figure 6 revealed that respondents with mid-career are hesitate to become a whistle-blower compared to respondents with late-career. A post-hoc test on Table 10 has revealed respondents with 6 - 10 years research experience have significant differences with respondents

with <1 year and respondents with >25 years research experience. Meanwhile, Table 16 displayed a significant differences between the respondents with 6 - 10 years research experience with the respondents with <1 year, >25 years and 21 - 25 years research experience. The differences in research experience may result to differences in the perception towards cases on misconduct. Throughout their career, variety of experiences may affect their inclination to become a whistle-blower. For example, some people are hesitating to become a whistle-blower as most of the time it involves their clique and some other may have reported the misconducts but the authority does not take action.

On the other hand, there are no significant differences among the group of exposure to RCR training with the likeliness to whistle-blow. Although RCR education may encourage the whistle-blowing, a proper functioning of guideline for whistle-blow and protection of their identity need to be prioritize. A clear procedure of reporting the misconducts have to be made clear among the researchers because there are still some of them that are unaware of it. The identity of the whistle-blower need to be strictly hidden as a whistle-blower has always been considered as a negative image. The exposure of their identity will place a huge risk on their career.

CHAPTER 6

CONCLUSION

In summary, this study has been able to provide preliminary insights on the general landscape of RCR among researchers in Malaysia. We are able to analyze the attitudes of the respondents towards RCR and the inclination to whistle-blow in case the respondents encounter misconducts. We are also able to determine the past experience on RCR education and identify the topics of RCR they have attended. Based on the data, there are differences in attitude and likeliness to whistle-blow as the respondents have different academic qualification, duration of research experiences and exposure to RCR training.

Although majority of the respondents have attended RCR training, the amount of respondents that does not receive any RCR training are still considered as significant. Furthermore, the training attended by the respondents are limited to only a few of the topics. Hence, there is a need to widen the scope of RCR topics for the training as misconducts can happen from every aspects.

Generally, the respondents have acknowledged the importance of RCR in research practices. However, there is a small concern that they would sidestep RCR due to the culture that often encourages misconducts and detrimental research practices. This can be seen on the notable value of respondents that prefer to hasten their research procedure rather than

prioritizing their research quality. Therefore, a persistent efforts in promoting RCR in research and changes in the culture need to be done to reduce the prevalence of misconducts.

The data on the likeliness to whistle-blow have revealed more than half of the respondents are hesitant to become a whistle-blower. The reasons behind their answers are related to the inability to take the risk of losing their career and opportunities, the vague policies of reporting misconducts and the fear of their identity as a whistle-blower are exposed. In order to overcome this issues, a proper and clear guideline are needed in addition to the strict protection of whistle-blower's identity.

This study is an ongoing study and the request of the respondents are yet to be closed. Throughout the data, we are able to identify the limitation of the study and acquired an advance information on the state of RCR among researchers in Malaysia. The uneven demographic data has lead to inability to represent the whole population of researchers in Malaysia. This may effect the result in a way it was not as significant as we thought. Thus, a larger sample that are able to represent the true population are needed in order to obtain more accurate results.

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