

# THE COMPASS

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## Eight Papers Retracted After NTU Author Found to be Fictional



Elsevier journals had retracted eight studies after confirming that one of the authors was fictitious.


The co-author in question, Toshiyuki Bangi, was listed as affiliated with the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Nanyang Technological University but did not have a university email or profile.

A complaint was submitted by NTU's Research Integrity Officer after the incident was detected.

Subsequent investigations revealed that the name and affiliation of the "NTU" co-author were added to the paper by the corresponding author. NTU was in no way involved in the deception and the fictitious author from NTU was likely added to improve the papers' chances in the review process.

Click [here](#) for more details.

## Open Research Workshop 2023



**YOUR FIRST STEP TO KICKSTARTING YOUR OPEN RESEARCH JOURNEY**

How does Open Research help to make research more reusable and trustworthy?  
When to open your methods, code and data?  
What copyright challenges are there?  
How to avoid predatory publishers?

All NTU faculty, research staff and research students are welcome to attend this interactive workshop!

**FACILITATORS**

**Date:** 30 November 2023 (Thursday)  
**Time:** 12:00 PM – 02:00 PM  
(Lunch provided from 11:30 AM onwards)

**Venue:** Seminar Room, Level 1, Experimental Medicine Building, NTU

Register via the QR code or link: <https://bit.ly/2023OpenResearch>

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Making your research methods, data, code and publications open access help to make your research more reusable and trustworthy.

NTU faculty members, research staff and post-graduate research students are invited to attend this in-person and interactive workshop that aims to introduce best practices and challenges on sharing protocols, data and code, and publishing open access. Participants will have the opportunity to develop their personal open research plan by referring to the NTU Open Research Checklist as a guide.

If you are interested in learning more, please register for the workshop [here](#).

## Open Access Week 2023



[Open Access Week](#) (23-29 Oct 2023) serves as a reminder that the greatest benefit of open access is to enable the results of scholarly research to be accessible by more people, including those who cannot afford the subscription to expensive journals.

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