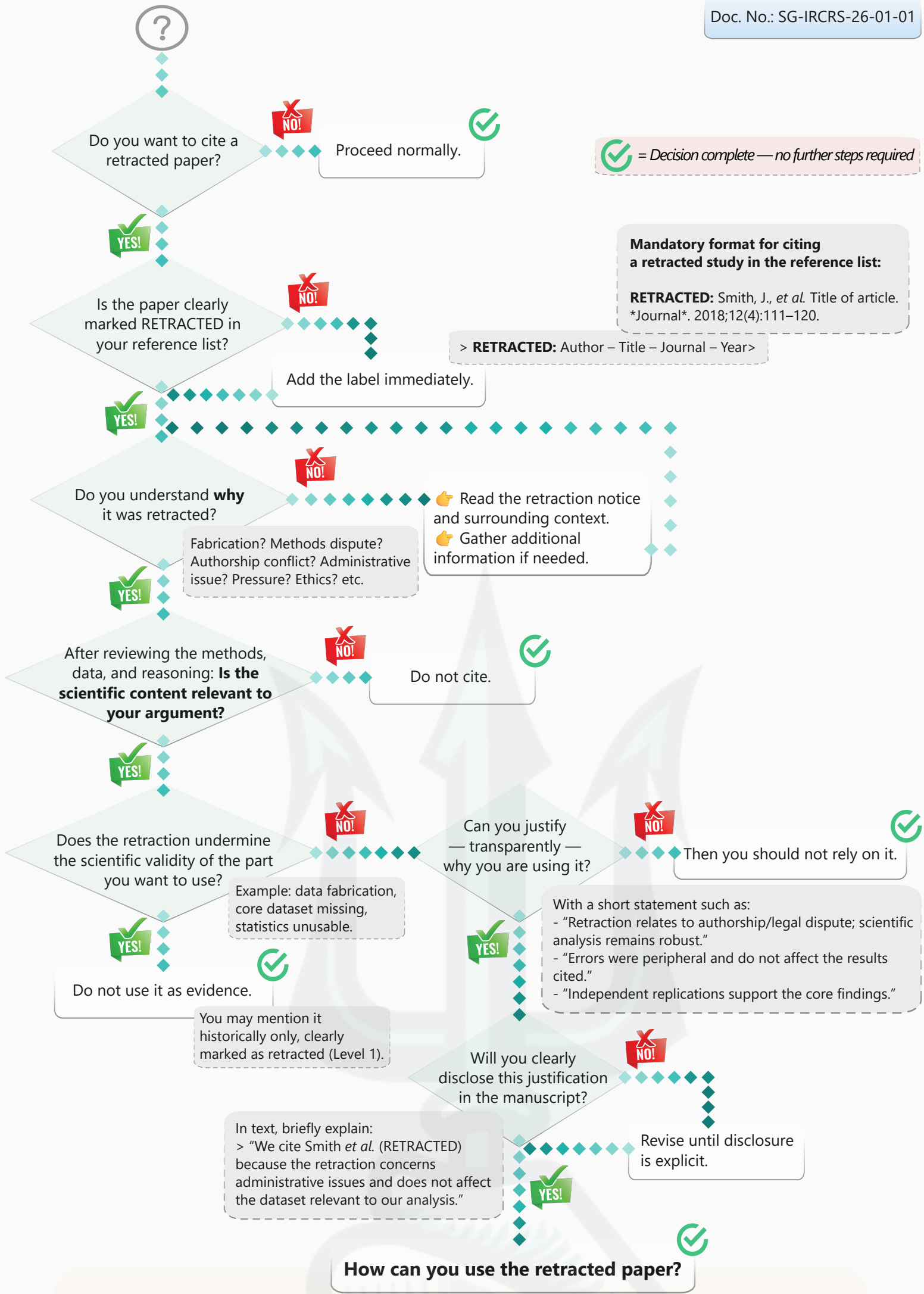




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ScienceGuardians™ distinguishes three ethical levels of citing retracted literature:

Level 1 — Contextual mention

Used only to describe history or debate.
→ No reliance on findings.

Level 2 — Conditional support

Findings considered, but explicitly accompanied by discussion of caveats and retraction circumstances.

Level 3 — Affirmed support

Author concludes — and argues transparently — that the science remains robust and should be considered valid evidence despite retraction.

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