

Publication Ethics & Malpractice Statement

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This statement defines the ethical responsibilities of authors, editors, reviewers, and the publisher.

1. Duties of Authors

1.1 Reporting Standards

Authors must present accurate, original, and objective accounts of their research. Fabrication, falsification, or inappropriate data manipulation is strictly prohibited.

Manuscripts must contain sufficient detail and references to allow replication where applicable.

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Authors must ensure that their work is entirely original. Proper acknowledgment of the work of others is required. All submissions may be screened for plagiarism.

Duplicate submission or redundant publication is not permitted.

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Authorship should be limited to individuals who have made substantial contributions to:

- Study conception and design
- Data acquisition, analysis, or interpretation
- Drafting or critically revising the manuscript
- Final approval of the version to be published

All authors must agree to submission and publication.

1.4 Disclosure and Conflicts of Interest

Authors must disclose all financial and non-financial conflicts of interest in accordance with the journal's Conflict of Interest Policy.

1.5 Human and Animal Research

Research involving human participants or animals must comply with institutional and national ethical standards. Documentation of IRB approval and informed consent must be included as required under the journal's Human Subjects Policy.

1.6 Clinical Trial Registration

Prospective clinical trials must be registered in a publicly accessible registry prior to participant enrollment.

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Editorial decisions are based solely on scholarly merit, scientific validity, and relevance to the journal's scope. Editorial decisions are not influenced by commercial interests or organizational affiliations.

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Editors must recuse themselves from handling manuscripts in which they have conflicts of interest.

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Editors will take appropriate action if ethical concerns arise, including:

- Requesting clarification from authors
 - Issuing corrections or retractions
 - Notifying institutions when necessary
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Peer reviewers assist editors in making editorial decisions and in improving manuscript quality.

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Reviewers must inform the editors if the confidentiality of the authors of the manuscript has been breached.

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 - Publication of a correction
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 - Notification of the authors' institutions
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