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1) Research Ethics

All research must comply with relevant ethical guidelines and applicable laws/regulations.

Human subjects research

- Requires appropriate ethics approval (e.g., Institutional Review Board / Ethics Committee) before data collection.
- Informed consent must be obtained where required.
- Privacy and confidentiality must be protected, including appropriate data anonymization where necessary.

Animal research

- Must follow institutional animal welfare standards and applicable regulations.
- Authors must provide evidence of ethical approval and humane procedures where relevant.

Conflicts of interest

- All authors must disclose financial and non-financial conflicts of interest that could influence the work.
- Funding sources must be stated clearly, including the role of the funder (if any).

2) Publication Ethics

Editory Press maintains a zero-tolerance policy for research misconduct.

Plagiarism and fabrication

- Zero tolerance for plagiarism, fabrication, or falsification of data.
- Manuscripts may be screened using similarity checks.
- Evidence of misconduct may result in immediate rejection and further action.

Proper attribution

- Accurate citation and proper attribution are required for all reused ideas, data, figures, and text.
- Permission must be obtained for any copyrighted third-party material (figures, images, tables).

Duplicate submission and redundant publication

- Duplicate submission (submitting the same manuscript to multiple journals at the same time) is prohibited.
- Redundant publication or “salami slicing” (unjustified segmentation of results) is not allowed.
- Prior publication (including preprints) must be disclosed according to the selected journal’s policy.

Image and data integrity

- Inappropriate image manipulation or data manipulation is prohibited.
- Any adjustments to images must be minimal, disclosed, and must not misrepresent results.
- Editors may request raw data or original images for verification

3) Authorship and Contributions

Authorship should reflect meaningful scholarly contribution and accountability.

Authorship criteria

- All listed authors must have made substantial contributions to the research and manuscript.
- All authors must approve the final version and agree to be accountable for their contributions.
- Contributions should be reported transparently (e.g., author contribution statement where requested).

Corresponding author responsibilities

- The corresponding author is responsible for communication with the journal and ensuring all authors: approve submission and revisions, agree to the final manuscript, provide accurate affiliation and contact information and disclose conflicts of interest and funding.

Changes to authorship

- Requests to add/remove/reorder authors after submission require: written agreement from all authors, clear justification, editorial approval.

4) Reviewer and Editor Ethics (Summary)

Reviewers and editors are expected to uphold confidentiality and fairness.

Confidentiality

- Submitted manuscripts are confidential and must not be shared or used for personal advantage.

Objectivity and bias

- Reviews and editorial decisions must be based on scholarly merit, not personal attributes or affiliations.

Conflicts of interest

- Reviewers and editors must declare any conflicts of interest and decline involvement where appropriate.

5) Corrections, Retractions, and Misconduct Investigations

Editorial Press investigates allegations of misconduct thoroughly and takes corrective action when needed.

Possible actions

- Rejection before publication.
- Publication of a correction (erratum/corrigendum).
- Retraction in severe cases (e.g., fabricated data, plagiarism).
- Notification to institutions or funders when appropriate (depending on severity and evidence).

COPE alignment

We follow COPE guidelines and workflows for handling suspected misconduct and ethical complaints.

Reference: <https://publicationethics.org/>

6) How to Report a Concern

If you suspect ethical misconduct or have concerns about a submission or publication, contact the editorial office:

- Email: info@editorialpress.uz
- Subject line: “Ethics concern — [Journal name] — [Manuscript ID if available]”