

### Code of Ethics and Best Practice

The UISRAEL Scientific Journal, as a publication that seeks the highest excellence, adheres to the conduct code standards of the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE):

#### Responsibilities of Authors:

- **Originality of Submissions:** Documents submitted to the UISRAEL Scientific Journal must be original and unpublished.
- **Multiple and/or Repetitive Publications:** Authors must refrain from multiple/repetitive submissions of articles to different publications or publishers. This is a reprehensible practice in the dissemination of academic research.
- **Attributions, Citations, and References:** Authors must always provide the correct indication of sources and contributions mentioned in the article.
- **Authorship:** Authors guarantee the inclusion of individuals who have made a significant scientific and intellectual contribution to the conceptualization and planning of the work, as well as to the interpretation of results and writing. The order of authorship is established according to their level of responsibility and involvement.
- **Conflict of Interest and Disclosure:** All authors must explicitly declare that there are no conflicts of interest that may have influenced the results obtained or the interpretations proposed. Authors must also indicate any funding from agencies and/or projects from which the research article originates.
- **Errors in Published Articles:** If an author identifies an error or inaccuracy in their work, they must inform the editorial team of the UISRAEL Scientific Journal and provide the necessary information for corrections.
- **Responsibility:** The responsibility for the content of the articles published in the UISRAEL Scientific Journal lies solely with the authors. They must conduct a review of the most current and relevant scientific literature on the analyzed topic, considering diverse knowledge perspectives.

#### Responsibilities of Reviewers:

- **Contribution to Editorial Decision:** Peer review is a procedure that helps editors make decisions about submitted articles and also enables authors to improve the quality of their submissions. Reviewers commit to conducting a critical, honest, constructive, and unbiased review of both the scientific and literary quality of the manuscript within their field of expertise.
- **Conflict of Interest and Disclosure:** If a reviewer has any personal or financial interests that could affect their objectivity, they must refrain from participating in the editorial process.
- **Adherence to Deadlines:** Reviewers who do not feel competent in the subject matter or cannot complete the evaluation within the scheduled time must immediately notify the editors. Reviewers commit to evaluating the works as quickly as possible to respect deadlines.
- **Anonymity:** To ensure that the review process is as objective, impartial, and transparent as possible, reviewers will never know the identity of the authors (only through the OJS code) and will not be aware of the identity of the other blind peer reviewer.

- **Confidentiality:** Each assigned manuscript must be treated as confidential. These texts should not be discussed with others without the express consent of the editors.
- **Reference Validation:** Reviewers commit to accurately indicating bibliographic references of fundamental works that the author may have overlooked. They must also inform editors of any similarities or overlaps between the manuscript and other published works.

## Responsibilities of Editors:

- **Honesty:** Editors evaluate submitted articles based on the scientific merit of their content. They must ensure transparency in the evaluation, editing, and publication processes of each issue.
- **Confidentiality:** Editors and members of the editorial team commit not to disclose information regarding submitted articles to individuals other than the authors, reviewers, and editors. The editorial team will maintain reviewer and author anonymity throughout the process.
- **Publication Process:** Editors will ensure the selection of the most qualified and scientifically specialized reviewers to provide a critical and expert assessment of the work, with minimal bias.
- **Conflict of Interest and Disclosure:** Editors commit not to use any content from submitted articles for their own research without the author's written consent.
- **Adherence to Deadlines:** Editors are ultimately responsible for ensuring compliance with deadlines for reviews and publication of accepted works to guarantee the swift dissemination of research results.

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## Misconduct

The UISRAEL Scientific Journal identifies the following as misconduct:

- **Citation Manipulation:** This includes misuse of secondary citations, incorrect attribution of citations, improper application of citation standards, addition or omission of words that may misrepresent a quote, excessive self-citation, or detection of repetitive or redundant citation patterns that could raise suspicions of misconduct.
  - **Plagiarism:** Taking, transcribing, duplicating, paraphrasing, etc., parts of others' work and presenting them as one's own ideas.
  - **Data Falsification or Fabrication:** Altering, including, or omitting information in a way that could lead to misinterpretation of results.
  - **Violation of Third-Party Privacy:** For example, failing to obtain informed consent or unauthorized use of third-party images.
  - **Redundant Publication:** Using parts of previously published works as if they were original material.
  - **Inclusion or Exclusion of Authors:** Listing individuals as authors who did not participate in the research or preparation of the article, or omitting individuals who did contribute.
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## Journal Policy on Ethical Oversight

At the UISRAEL Scientific Journal, we are committed to the highest ethical standards in research and publication. Ethical oversight is fundamental to ensuring that all research published in our journal adheres to established ethical norms and principles. Below are our policies regarding ethical oversight:

### *Handling of Ethical Complaints*

- **Complaint Process:** If allegations of ethical misconduct arise, the UISRAEL Scientific Journal will have a clear process for addressing and resolving such complaints. This includes evaluating the complaint, investigating, and communicating the results to the involved parties.
- **Corrective Actions:** If a violation of ethical policies is confirmed, appropriate measures will be taken, which may include retracting the article or notifying relevant institutions.

### *Commitment to Transparency*

The UISRAEL Scientific Journal promotes transparency in all aspects of research. By establishing and adhering to these ethical oversight policies, we seek to ensure trust in published research and the peer review process.

