

**Policy on Compliance with the Rules for Obtaining Mandatory Ethical Approval for Research Involving Humans, Animals, or Their Biological Materials, Personal or Confidential Data, Subject to Relevant Legislation of Ukraine**

**(Ethical Approval Policy)**

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**1. Mandatory Ethical Approval for Research Involving:**

- participation of humans (children, youth, adults, vulnerable populations);
- processing of personal or confidential data;
- use of human biological materials;
- conducting experiments involving animals;

Authors are required to provide confirmation of obtaining the relevant ethical approval (clearance) from a competent body (ethics committee, bioethics committee, or another authorized body of the institution).

**2. Requirements for Submission of Information**

The text of the article must state:

- the name of the body that granted the ethical approval;
- the protocol number and date (if available);
- confirmation of obtaining informed consent from the research participants;
- in the case of working with minors — consent from parents or legal representatives.

If the research did not require separate ethical approval in accordance with legislation, the author must state this in the introduction to the article.

**3. Protection of Personal Data**

All research must comply with the requirements of the legislation of Ukraine regarding the protection of personal data. Authors are obliged to ensure the

anonymity of information and prevent the disclosure of participants' personal data without their written consent.

#### **4. Responsibility of Authors**

Responsibility for compliance with ethical standards during the conduct of research rests with the authors. In the event of detecting violations of ethical standards, the editorial board has the right to reject the manuscript or retract an already published article.