**ETHICAL ASPECTS OF EDITORIAL POLICY**

**Principles of ethics in the work of the Editorial Board**

The Editorial Board is responsible for making a decision on publication, ensuring the validity of its decision by engaging highly qualified specialists as reviewers to discuss the incoming articles, and for cooperation with the relevant scientific societies as a collective of experts.

The reliability, scientific importance and relevance of the work in question underlie the decision to publish.

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* the reviewer must not use any part of the material under review and not yet published in his own research without the permission of the author;
* the reviewer must not have a conflict of interest, professional and personal relationships with the author or editor that can affect his judgment about the article;
* the reviewer must not allow the origin of the manuscript, nationality, religion, political or other views of its authors, or commercial considerations influence the content of the review;
* the reviewing process should be conducted independently, objectively, and in secret; personal criticism of the author is not acceptable;
* the reviewer should give constructive, comprehensive and thorough assessment of the quality of articles, and the extent of their compliance with the scientific, literary and ethical standards;
* the reviewer is obliged to inform immediately the editor about the articles containing plagiarism or biased citation, accompanied by his accusation relevant links.

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* originality and objective discussion of its significance;
* providing reliable results of the work done with a clear statement of the methodology of the work performed;
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* representation of all the participants who have made a significant contribution to the study as collaborators; approval of the final version of the work of all the co-authors and their complete agreement with the idea to publish it;
* submission of the original study to only one journal at a time;
* disclosure of the source of financing works and related potential conflicts of interests;
* immediate reports of significant errors or inaccuracies in the publication detected by the author, error correction or withdrawal of the publication; timely correction of errors and discrepancies identified by the reviewer or editor.

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