

Ethical Regulations

1. Basic Principles of Ethics Guidelines

(a) Papers or creative works submitted to the online journal *Commons* must be written in accordance with the ["Code of Conduct for Researchers and Others"](#) at our university.

(b) Research papers involving human subjects must adhere to the principles outlined in the [1964 Helsinki Declaration and its subsequent revisions](#), as well as the latest guidelines and regulations related to life sciences, medical research, and other relevant fields established by the government. For research involving human subjects, *Commons* requires that the paper undergo review by the university's Human Subjects Research Ethics Review Committee, and only accepts submissions of approved papers. Authors must explicitly state in their paper that the research was conducted in accordance with these guidelines and regulations, and further, include the approval number from the university's Human Subjects Research Ethics Committee in the paper.

(c) When submitting a paper for publication, if there is a potential conflict of interest arising from the publication of the paper, it must be reported based on the university's Conflict of Interest Management Policy and regulations. If applicable, the case will be reviewed by the university's Conflict of Interest Management Committee, and the outcome must be submitted at the time of submission. Additionally, in such cases, authors will be notified separately of the required format for disclosing conflicts of interest (COI), and they must include a statement regarding conflicts of interest at the end of the paper, before the references.

2. Penalties for Violation of Ethics Guidelines

Depending on the severity and nature of the violation, the following penalties, in part or in full, may be applied:

- (1) Rejection of the submitted paper
- (2) Prohibition of submission to this online journal for all authors
- (3) Notification to the journal of duplicate submission
- (4) Notification to the author's affiliated organization
- (5) Retraction of publication and notification thereof if discovered after publication.