



Research and Publication Ethics

Research Ethics

- If the research described involves human subjects or experimental animals, the authors must give details in the manuscript of the approval obtained for the protocol from the Ethics Committee of the institution in which the research was undertaken.
- Experiments on live vertebrates or higher invertebrates must be demonstrated to be ethically acceptable and in accordance with institutional and national guidelines or regulations for the use and welfare of laboratory animals.
- If the manuscript reports medical research involving human subjects, authors must include a statement confirming that informed consent was obtained from all subjects, and that the research was carried out according to the World Medical Association Declaration of Helsinki. Any form of registration that may identify a patient must be excluded from the content of the paper. When clinical images of patients are submitted it is the responsibility of the authors to obtain, prior to submission, full informed consent by the patient for the use of the photographs, and to ensure that full anonymity is preserved.

Publication Ethics

- We subscribe to the recommendations of the Committee on Publication Ethics (www.publicationethics.org) on publication ethics guidelines. The manuscript should be an original work (we do not accept manuscripts that were previously published (either in full or partial)) and can't be submitted to other journals while in review with us. The submitted manuscript should contain no material, instruction or statements that can cause harm, or infringe upon the rights or the privacy of others. The work included in the accepted manuscript should respect general principles of good scientific practice, such as maintaining professional standards, documenting results, rigorously questioning all findings, and honestly attributing any contributions made by partners, competitors and predecessors. **Duplicate submissions, Redundant Publication, Plagiarism, Citation Manipulation, Data Fabrication and Inadequate Authorship Attribution will result in the rejection of the manuscript (retraction if the manuscript was already published) and interdiction of the 1st and corresponding authors to submit manuscripts to any journal published by Applied Systems srl for a period of at least 5 years.**
- all conflict of interests related to the research work, as well as the financial support have to be recognized and disclosed in the manuscript.
- all individuals with a significant scientific contribution to the manuscript have to be included as authors and informed of / agreed with the terms and conditions of this agreement
- all non-scientific contributors (such as those providing reagents) should be included in the Acknowledgements section of the manuscript

- the corresponding author will take the responsibility for any inadequate practice, such as plagiarism; our journals, editors, reviewers and publishing house can't be made responsible for any inadequate practice performed by authors

Our Editors reserve the right to reject a paper on ethical grounds.