

## **Ethical guidelines for the publication of Acta Toxicológica Argentina**

### **Ethical considerations in the conduct and communication of an investigation**

Our journal is committed to ensuring ethics in the publication and quality of articles, responding to uniformity requirements for manuscripts submitted to biomedical journals, set by members of the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors, (ICMJE) and the national regulations currently in force.

Therefore, in accordance with the standards of ethical behavior expected of all parties involved: authors, editors and reviewers, the following guidelines are made explicit.

#### **Regarding the Authors:**

Authors should submit an objective discussion of the importance of the research work, as well as sufficient detail and references to allow others to replicate the experiments. Fraudulent or knowingly inaccurate statements constitute unethical behavior and will be unacceptable.

Review articles should also demonstrate objectivity and be complete and accurate regarding the state of the art of the subject to be investigated. Authors must ensure that their works are entirely original works, and if works and / or parts of others have been used, this must be properly recorded. Plagiarism in all its forms constitutes unethical and unacceptable behavior for its publication.

The submitted work must not have been published in any medium and will not be sent to another scientific journal or to any other form of publication, during the evaluation of it.

The author responsible for the submission must ensure that there is a full consensus of all co-authors in the approval of the final version of the document and its submission for publication. All authors being responsible for the content of the article.

All authors state whether or not there was a conflict of interest. In the event that there is a conflict of interests, the authors must declare the interest or financial or economic commitment that they have.

All sources of external funding should be detailed.

It should be noted that in the case that the article is published, all authors transfer the copyright to the Asociación Toxicológica Argentina.

#### **Ethical and Regulatory Aspects**

As stated in the Helsinki Declaration (point 23), all medical research studies on humans, regardless of their experimental or observational nature, including research on identifiable human material and information, should be submitted for consideration, comment, Advice and approval to the relevant Ethics Committee prior to initiation of the study.

In the presentation of clinical cases, informed consent must be requested for the publication of personal information. This includes all the material in the medical history, pictures and any other information about the patient. (See Informed Consent model)

These requirements are essential to begin the process of reviewing a submitted manuscript. Informed consent for the publication of personal information

In compliance with Law 26529, "Patient Rights, Clinical Record and Informed Consent," it is

necessary to have prior consent of the patient or his / her legal representatives in the expositions for academic purposes in which it is possible, actually or potentially, identify the patient, regardless of their support.

Authorization will not be required when the material subject to academic exposure is merely statistical, or used for epidemiological purposes and does not allow identification of the patient's person. For these purposes, the heading of the professional will be required assuming responsibility for the disclosure and the nature of the information.

### **Informed consent form for the publication of personal information**

A model to follow is transcribed below:

*I hereby consent to all medical history material, pictures and any other information about the patient listed below to be published in a scientific journal or a scientific conference that the authors consider relevant for scientific and Teachers*

*Name of patient: .....*

*I understand that my name or the name of my relative will not be published and that an attempt will be made, as far as possible, to maintain the anonymity of the identity in the text and in the images. However, I understand that full anonymity cannot be guaranteed.*

*This authorization includes publication in Spanish and its translation into English and Portuguese, printed, in electronic format on the journal's website, and in any other format used by the scientific journal now and in the future.*

*The Journal is intended for professionals but can be read by other people who are not professionals.*

*I may revoke my consent at any time prior to publication, but once the information has been entered for publication ("in print") it will no longer be possible to revoke consent.*

*Through this means I manifest to the person or institution that I have understood and approved the mentioned before.*

Signature, clarification and document number

### **Publishers:**

Publishers should evaluate manuscripts solely on the basis of their academic merits. An editor should not use published information for the publisher's own research without the express written consent of the author.

Publishers must take reasonable response measures when ethical complaints have been filed in connection with a submitted manuscript or published article.

On the other hand they have the obligation to publish the studies with negative results.

The publishers guarantee to respect the regulations and norms of behavior for advertising in Argentina.

### **Reviewers:**

Any manuscripts received for review should be treated as confidential documents.

The evaluation will be impartial, independent and critical being the same an intrinsic part of the scientific process, and therefore of all academic work. Peer review will help publishers decide which manuscripts are appropriate for their journals, while helping authors and

publishers in their efforts to improve the quality of articles.

Insider information or ideas obtained through peer review must be confidential and will not be used for personal gain. Reviews should be conducted objectively, and comments should be clearly stated, with supporting arguments, so authors can use them to improve publication.

Any arbitrator selected who does not feel qualified to review the investigation or who knows that their prompt review will be impossible must notify the editor and apologize for the review process. Reviewers should not consider manuscripts in which they have conflicts of interest resulting from competitive, collaborative, or other relationships or connections with authors, companies or institutions in relation to the publication to be evaluated.