

## **“Izdatel’stvo Meditsina” Publication ethics Statement**

### **1. Rights and responsibility of the “Izdatel’stvo Meditsina”**

- Current Publication ethics Statement (hereinafter the Statement) was developed in cooperation with editorial boards of all scientific journals of the “Izdatel’stvo Meditsina”
- Principles of the publication ethics were approved by editorial boards of all scientific journals of the “Izdatel’stvo Meditsina”
- Editorial boards of all scientific journals of the “Izdatel’stvo Meditsina” are solely responsible for compliance with the principles indicated in the current Statement
- “Izdatel’stvo Meditsina” can give editorial boards advice on amending and supplementing the Statement

### **2. Rights and responsibilities of editors**

Editors are solely responsible for all content of the scientific journals of the “Izdatel’stvo Meditsina” except advertising. Editors have a responsibility to uphold the principles of ethics in relation to:

- readers;
- authors;
- studies objects;
- sponsors of research and publications,
- reviewers;

#### **Editorial responsibility to readers**

- Editors guarantee that the information published in journals, reliable, unbiased, and not engaged by the interests of advertisers, or other organizations
- Editors provide readers with information about the authors of the papers published in journals and the institutions in which the study was conducted
- Editors inform readers about the participation of commercial organizations and their role in the research or the preparation of publications and any other conflicts of interest that may affect the results of studies
- Editors receive comments and suggestions from readers to improve the quality of journals, comments and suggestions may be published in journals in the "Letter to the Editor"
- Editors review complaints received from readers regarding materials published in journals and inform them about the measures taken
- Editors publish clarifications and apologies to the readers if necessary
- If errors are found, editors take steps to correct or remove them
- Editors do everything possible to avoid compromising the intellectual and ethical standards by business interests
- Journal editors are not responsible for the advertising content, because they do not participate in the work of the department of advertising and exhibition of the “Izdatel’stvo Meditsina”
- Advertising content is published in the scientific journals according to the advertising policy of the “Izdatel’stvo Meditsina” which can be found [by link](#)

#### **Editorial responsibility to authors**

- editors have the right to accept or reject an article for publication in the journal, based on the opinion of the reviewers on the relevance, originality and authenticity of the information contained in the article and its consideration to the publication ethics principles adopted in the journal

- Peer-review is conducted according to the procedure of reviewing of articles adopted in the journal
- Authors can get acquainted with the procedure of reviewing on home pages of journals on the Internet [by link](#)
- Decision of the editorial shall be in writing and may be given to the author upon his request
- Editors may not be interested in accepting or rejecting an article. In case of an abuse of editor's position on the editorial board, the person will be suspended from work in the editorial board and author will be apologized to in writing
- Articles are accepted only if there is sufficient evidence in favor of the publication and rejected only if there is sufficient evidence in favor of rejecting
- Authors are notified of the reasons for rejection of articles and receive recommendations to correct deficiencies
- Authors have the opportunity to appeal editorial decisions to adopt or reject articles. The appeal procedure is located on home pages of journals on the Internet [by link](#)
- Authors are provided with information on the rules of preparation and submission of articles for publication in the journal on home pages of journals on the Internet [by link](#)
- Editors ensure copyright compliance when considering an application for publication of articles
- Editors have the right to remove already published article in case of opening of facts that were not known in the course of reviewing. The procedure of removing can be found on the home pages of journals on the Internet [by link](#)

#### **Editorial responsibility to studies objects**

- Editors follow the provisions of the WMA Declaration of Helsinki - Ethical Principles for Medical Research Involving Human Subjects  
<http://www.wma.net/en/30publications/10policies/b3/index.html>
- Editors check the presence of ethics approval in all articles dealing with original human or animal data

#### **Editorial responsibility to sponsors of research and publication**

- Editors undertake duties to publish information about sponsors of research and publications

#### **Editorial responsibility to reviewers**

- Editors provide reviewers with guidelines on conclusions on publications and a list of questions that must be answered in the process of reviewing articles
- Information about the rules for reviewers is written on the home pages of journals on the Internet [by link](#)
- Editors ensure objectivity and impartiality of reviewers, promptly identifying violations and taking steps to address them
- Editors write conclusion to accept or reject an article based on the judgment of reviewers
- If an open system for review was not adopted in the journal, editors provide anonymity of reviewers' personalities
- Reviewers are required to inform the editors if they reveal conflicts of interest

### **3. Rights and responsibilities of authors**

- While submitting an article in a scientific journal of the "Izdatel'stvo Meditsina", the authors confirm that the article is issued in accordance with the requirements published on a home page of the journal on the Internet <http://medlit.ru/journals/>
- Authors must comply with the legislation of the Russian Federation
- Authors should understand that the article will be rejected if the following facts are found:
  - Article does not meet the requirements published on the home page of the journal on the Internet [by link](#)

- Author refuses to follow the recommendations of the editorial board to eliminate errors in the manuscript
  - There is a violation of the principles of the Declaration of Helsinki on Ethical Principles for Medical Research, approved by the World Medical Association
  - An article dealing with original human or animal data is not provided with ethics approval
  - An article contains plagiarism or false data
  - Results of the study have been published in another publication
- Authors are required to provide information about commercial organizations supported research or publication, and any other conflicts of interest that may have an influence on the content of the manuscript
- Authors have the opportunity to appeal editorial decisions to adopt or reject articles. The appeal procedure is located on home pages of journals on the Internet [by link](#)

#### **4. Committee on Conflict Resolution**

Each editorial board has a Committee on Conflict Resolution to resolve issues and complaints related to possible violations of the principles of publication ethics indicated in current Statement. The Chairman and members of the Committee are selected among the members of the editorial board by the voting of all members. The composition of the Committee and contacts of the person to whom complaints are sent are located on the home pages of journals on the Internet <http://medlit.ru/journals/>. The Committee investigates complaints from authors, readers, reviewers, editors, and publishers.