



At the TECHNO SCIENCE Journal Editorial Board meeting held on 12/02/2026, the Editorial Board hereby adopts:

THE TECHNO SCIENCE JOURNAL CODE OF ETHICS

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Techno Science Journal Code of Ethics (hereinafter referred to as the Code of Ethics) sets out the moral principles and principles of professional ethics that authors, reviewers, the Editor, and members of the Editorial Board are obliged to adhere to.

The Code of Ethics contains provisions relating to plagiarism, fabrication and falsification of results, unauthorised copying and other forms of scientific falsification.

The purpose of the Code of Ethics is to promote ethical behaviour and moral values in the field of technical and related disciplines, and to affirm professional standards that are binding for all participants in the process of preparing and publishing journals.

2. INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS

The submitted manuscripts must be the authors' original works. The authors are required to present the results and conclusions of their research truthfully and accurately.

By submitting the paper, the authors confirm that the manuscript does not violate the copyrights of third parties and undertake to notify the publisher of any infringement. For the sake of easier distribution and securing the appropriate rights of use, the copyright to the published works belongs to the publisher, unless otherwise agreed-upon.

A breach of research integrity harms scientific knowledge and can steer further research in the wrong direction. It can occur in different forms:

- **Data falsification** – fabricating the results and presenting them as real.
- **Data manipulation** – modifying, selectively displaying or omitting data in order to achieve the desired result.
- **Plagiarism** – appropriation of other people's ideas, texts or results without properly citing the source.



- **Other forms of violation** – misrepresentation of interests, breach of confidentiality, misuse of research materials, as well as attempts to cover up the violation or repression against persons who point it out.

All individuals who have made significant contributions to the creation of the paper should be listed as co-authors. Other associates should be properly mentioned. The paper must include a complete and accurate list of institutional affiliations for all authors, including academic and corporate affiliations.

Reproducing text from other papers without proper citation of the source (plagiarism), as well as the publication of works of almost identical content by the same authors (self-plagiarism), is not acceptable. Any form of plagiarism is considered a serious violation of the Code of Ethics.

It is unethical to submit the same or substantially similar paper in multiple journals at the same time. This includes papers based on the same data without significant differences in content. The exceptions include revised and significantly modified versions of the paper.

Fabricating, manipulating or falsifying data is a serious violation of publishing ethics. Authors must not present other people's results as their own.

Authors are required to acknowledge the work of other researchers who have influenced their research and to cite relevant publications. Only papers directly related to the topic of the research should be cited. Irrelevant references, including excessive self-citation to increase citations, are considered unethical.

The primary liability for addressing breaches of research integrity lies with the institutions that employ the authors. If applicable, the violation shall be reported to the Editor, who shall seek the opinion of the reviewers and the Editorial Board. If the violation is confirmed, appropriate measures are taken: publication of the correction or withdrawal of the paper, temporary prohibition of consideration for new papers written by the author, and, if necessary, notification of other journals.

The author has the right to object to the editorial decision on the paper.



3. INFORMATION, RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF THE EDITOR

The Editor-in-Chief is obligated to ensure:

- Responsibility for the editorial content of the journal, including the choice of topics and the quality of published papers.
- Continuous improvement of the quality of the journal and meeting the needs of authors and readers.
- Freedom of academic expression and preservation of the integrity of scientific publications.
- Avoidance of commercial influences that could compromise intellectual standards.
- The publishing of corrections, clarifications, retractions and apologies when necessary.
- Transparency regarding research funding and the role of donors.
- Clear and accessible instructions for authors and reviewers.

That the decisions on acceptance or rejection of a paper are based on the scientific value, originality, clarity and relevance of the paper to the field of the journal.

The Editor must:

- Explain to the authors the reasons for accepting or rejecting the paper.
- Make a final decision in the event of conflicting opinions of the reviewers.
- Not change the decision on accepting a paper except in the case of serious issues.
- Reject the paper that has been sent without the requested corrections.
- Include new reviewers in cases when a rejected paper is being reconsidered.

The rejection of the paper may be based on methodological flaws, lack of originality, insufficient relevance or violation of the Code of Ethics.

4. INFORMATION, RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF THE REVIEWERS

Reviewers are required to:

- Evaluate papers objectively and impartially.
- Avoid conflicts of interest with respect to authors, institutions, or research funders.



- Point out relevant published papers that have not been cited.
- Treat manuscripts as confidential documents.
- Not share the manuscript without the express permission of the Editor.
- Submit a review within 3 weeks of accepting the assignment.
- Inform the Editor of any violations of the Code of Ethics.
- Give constructive and polite remarks to the authors.

The Editor may decide not to forward the reviewers' inappropriate or offensive comments to the authors.

The reviewers may not use the data from the manuscript for their own research purposes prior to its publication.

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