

Synopsis Journal

Ethic Code

1. General principles

Synopsis Journal: Interdisciplinary Perspectives in Psychology, Psychotherapy, and Human Sciences is dedicated to advancing scientific culture and knowledge dissemination. It upholds the principle that everyone should have equitable access to research findings and supports this mission through a stringent peer-review process that emphasizes research integrity. The journal prioritizes originality and accuracy by publishing thoroughly vetted articles based on reliable and accurate sources.

The journal strictly opposes copyright infringement, content plagiarism, and conflicts of interest, as well as discrimination based on gender, sexual orientation, religion, political stance, or ethnicity, all of which can undermine the rigor and quality of its publications.

While acknowledging that these standards are not legally enforceable and lack oversight bodies for compliance, *Synopsis Journal* calls for dedicated adherence to the ethical code described in this document, grounded in COPE Core Practices

(<https://publicationethics.org/core-practices>) and the *Principles of Transparency and Best Practice for Scholarly Publications* (<https://doaj.org/apply/transparency/>) endorsed by COPE (<https://publicationethics.org/about/our-organisation>), DOAJ (<https://doaj.org/>), and OASPA (<https://www.oaspa.org/>).

2. Composition, Editorial Responsibilities, and Conflict of Interest Management

Synopsis Journal openly declares the composition of its internal committees. Board members are responsible for ensuring a fair process for article admission or rejection, peer review, and reviewer anonymity. The journal actively seeks to avoid conflicts of interest among editors, reviewers, authors, or parties directly involved. If conflicts arise, they will be disclosed openly. Editorial board members and reviewers must notify the journal of any conflicts,

plagiarism, or copyright issues. In cases of dispute, authors may revise their research through mediated processes before re-submission for potential publication.

Board members are prohibited from disclosing information on submissions outside authorized parties. Manuscripts must not be used for personal research without explicit author consent. While editors and board members may submit their own work to the journal, they are not permitted to influence the decision-making or review process for their papers. For sponsored publications, articles will be reviewed solely based on scientific merit.

3. Misconduct Reporting, Complaints, and Appeals

Synopsis Journal oversees the ethical conduct of published contributions. Allegations of misconduct can be submitted to info@synopsis-journal.com and will be treated confidentially to protect informants' identities. The journal will conduct an internal review to determine adherence to procedural standards.

3.1 Intellectual Property Violations and Post-Publication Discussions

Suspected violations of intellectual property, plagiarism, data falsification, or errors may be reported to the editorial board at info@synopsis-journal.com. The journal values readers' feedback, as it is central to publication integrity. In cases of concerns regarding published content, the journal and corresponding author will address the issue, and if necessary, retract the paper or issue corrections.

3.2 Peer Review Process

Synopsis Journal adheres to a double-blind peer review for evaluating submissions, focusing solely on theoretical quality and coherence. Reviewers, experts in their fields, are selected based on expertise and must disclose conflicts of interest related to authors or entities involved in the research. Reviewers are expected to provide timely, objective, and well-supported evaluations, identify unreferenced relevant sources, and suggest constructive

improvements. Published articles display submission and acceptance dates, as well as a DOI (<https://www.medra.org/it/faq.htm#faq1>) and the journal's ISSN for print and digital formats.

4. Authorship and Ethical Conduct

To maintain high standards, *Synopsis Journal* requires authors to:

- Submit only original, unpublished manuscripts not under review elsewhere.
- Declare the absence of conflicts of interest affecting their research.
- Acknowledge funding sources and resources used for the project.
- Properly cite all sources in the manuscript.
- Hold the journal and editorial board harmless from liability.
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Authors must disclose the contributions and affiliations of all contributors, including ORCID IDs (<https://orcid.org/>) if available. In studies involving human subjects, authors must adhere to the Declaration of Helsinki (<https://www.wma.net/policies-post/wma-declaration-of-helsinki/>), while animal studies require compliance with relevant institutional guidelines (<https://www.icmje.org/icmje-recommendations.pdf>) as outlined by the ICMJE.

5. Artificial Intelligence Use

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to monitor the evolving legal and ethical standards surrounding AI's use in academia,
committing to adapt its ethical code accordingly.