

## **Consensus Author Guidelines on Animal Ethics and Welfare for *BioResources***

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All material published in *BioResources* must adhere to high ethical standards concerning animal welfare.

### **Animal ethics-based criteria for manuscript consideration**

Manuscripts that involve animal or human experimental subjects will be considered for publication only if the work detailed therein:

- 1) Follows international, national, and/or institutional guidelines for humane animal treatment and complies with relevant legislation;
- 2) Has been approved by the ethics review committee at the institution or practice at which the studies were conducted where such a committee exists;
- 3) For studies using client-owned animals, demonstrates a high standard (best practice) of veterinary care and involves informed client consent;

Prior to acceptance of a manuscript, to verify compliance with the above policies, the authors must:

- 1) Sign a letter certifying that legal and ethical requirements have been met with regards to the humane treatment of animals described in the study;
- 2) Specify in Materials and Methods the ethical review committee approval process and the international, national, and/or institutional guidelines followed.

### **Animal ethics-based criteria for manuscript rejection**

- 1) Manuscripts and authors that fail to meet the aforementioned requirements;
- 2) Studies that involve unnecessary pain, distress, suffering, or lasting harm to animals or human subjects;
- 3) The Editor retains the right to reject manuscripts on the basis of ethical or welfare concerns.