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.