

「Physical Therapy Rehabilitation Society」 Regulations for Research Ethics

Chapter 1. General Provisions

Article 1. Purpose

This research ethics guideline establishes research ethics, prevents unethical behaviors that may occur during research, submission, review, and publication, and serves the purpose of providing a fair criterion for fair verification when research-related unethical behaviors occur.

Article 2. Eligibility and Scope

This regulation applies to all members of the society.

Chapter 2. Establishment and operation of research ethics committee

Article 3. Function

1. Matters concerning the establishment and operation of research ethics and integrity related systems
2. Matters concerning the reporting and handling of misconduct, the initiation of investigations, and the consequences;
3. Matters concerning verification of research integrity and follow-up measures
4. Matters submitted by other committee members

Article 4. Composition

1. The chairman of the committee shall be the editor and the editorial board shall consist of not more than seven members, including the chairman.
2. The chairperson may appoint a professional member with the opinion of the committee
3. The chairperson is appointed by the president of the society at the request of the editor-in-chief and the term of office is two years, but can be reappointed.

Article 5. Duties of the Chairperson

1. The chairperson represents the committee and presides over the meeting.
2. The editor-in-chief acts when the chairman is unable to perform his duties for unavoidable reasons.

Article 6. Operation of Ethics Committee

1. The chairman convenes and becomes the chairperson of the research ethics committee.
2. The meeting shall be decided by the majority of the members of the Expulsion Committee and the approval of at least 2/3 of the members present.
3. Probation shall be held in private and, if necessary, the parties may be present to hear their opinions.
4. The chairperson may substitute a written hearing if he/she considers that the agenda item is minor.

Article 7 (Research procedures and measures)

1. Researchers can conduct research that has received approval from the institutional research ethics committee (IRB).
2. The content of Paragraph 1 must be included in the submitted paper.

Chapter 3: Scope of Research Ethics (Misconduct)

Article 8. Definition of Research Misconduct

Research misconduct (hereinafter referred to as “misconduct”) refers to the act of forgery, plagiarism, unfair dissertation, etc. performed in the proposal of research and developmental projects, in the performance of research and development, and in the reporting and presentation of research and development results.

1. Fabrication is the act of making false data or research results that are nonexistent.

2. Falsification is the act of distorting the results of research by artificially manipulating the research materials, equipment processes, or arbitrarily changing and deleting data.
3. Plagiarism is the act of using copyrighted works protected by others, research ideas and research results such as ideas, hypotheses, and theories without proper approval or quotation.
4. Inappropriate dissertation authorship is the act of not granting thesis authorship to a person who has made an academic contribution to the contents or results without proper reason, or granting the authorship of a dissertation to a person without academic contribution.
5. Duplicate publication is a resubmission of another article in the journal with the same or almost the same text as the one already published, without informing the editor or the reader of the existence of the article already published.

Article 9. Scope of application

This applies to those who are directly or indirectly related to the research activities of the papers submitted to this journal.

Article 10. Duplicate Publication

The thesis to be published in this journal should not contain any plagiarism and should not be duplicated. This is true even when a paper published in an academic journal other than a registered (candidate) journal is published in a registered (candidate) journal. Violations of the above may result in penalties

Article 11. Unethical Research Conduct in the Review Process

The reviewer should not discuss the contents of the group under review with others, and should not be useful for research without the consent of the original author.

Chapter 4. Researcher Responsibilities and Roles

Article 12. Co-work research

When conducting joint research with other researchers, researchers should clearly define their roles and relationships and fulfill their responsibilities. When planning the research, mutual agreement and understanding should be achieved in regards to the goals and expected results of the research project, their role in joint research, methods of data collection, recording, and sharing, author decision and ranking

criteria, selection of research directors, intellectual property rights, and ownership issues.

Article 13. Author Responsibilities

1. The corresponding author or first author is responsible for the management of the thesis data, authoring of research materials, and the author's presentation.
2. All authors are required to comply if the school or outside agency requires proof of their contribution.
3. The researcher must present the IRB number reviewed by the Research Ethics Committee.

Article 14. Author of correspondence

1. Corresponding authors are continuously responsible for the research results and certification.
2. Corresponding authors must ensure the accuracy of all content in the paper, include the names of all co-authors, and check the author order.

Article 15. Authorship

1. Authors are considered individuals who have made substantial intellectual contributions to published research and have a significant impact on the field.
2. The criteria for authorship are as follows and all four criteria must be met.
 - Substantial contributions to the conception or design of the work; or the acquisition, analysis, or interpretation of data for the work; AND
 - Drafting the work or revising it critically for important intellectual content; AND
 - Final approval of the version to be published; AND
 - Agreement to be accountable for all aspects of the work in ensuring that questions related to the accuracy or integrity of any part of the work are appropriately investigated and resolved.

Article 16. Author Affiliation and Title

1. The thesis author's affiliation is written at the time of submission and it is a policy to write the title and contribution to the research.

2. All researchers are required to provide an author identification number (orcid).

Article 17. Sex/Gender

1. Authors are encouraged to use precise sex/gender terminology and consider the various elements of sex/gender in their studies.

2. Especially in the intervention, Authors should design the study taking into consideration the issue of sex/gender and the associated differences.

3. Authors are recommended to provide gender-specific data, when appropriate, in describing scientific validity or specifically state they are studying gender-specific or rare diseases.

Chapter 5. Measures against research misconduct and unethical research conduct)

Article 18. Principle of estimation

1. Research ethics are displayed in the journal or the journal homepages and follows the COPE flow chart when cheating occurs

2. Members who have committed cheating and unethical research activities may be notified by a written letter stating that they are prohibited from publishing in this journal for one year and may be deprived of their membership in order to prevent recurrence after review by the Research Ethics Committee.