



## MJ & M BIOLABS

### POLICY ON JOURNAL COPYRIGHT

#### 1 PURPOSE

##### 1.1 Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline the copyright guidelines for manuscripts published in journals managed by MJ & M BIOLABS. These journals are:

- African Journal of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine (AJEPM)
- African Journal of Medical Biosciences (AJMBS)
- African Journal of Nutrition and Dietetics (AJND)
- African Journal of Pharmacy and Alternative Medicine (AJPAM)
- African Journal of Tropical and Infectious Diseases (AJTID)
- East African Journal of Nursing (EAJN)
- Journal of Clinical Care and Medical Advancement (JCCMA)
- Journal of Micro and Immunosciences (JMIS)

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##### 1.2 Scope

This policy applies to all authors, editors, reviewers, and staff involved in the publication process of MJ & M BIOLABS' journals.

#### 2 DEFINITIONS

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- **Manuscript:** A document submitted by an author for publication in a journal.

#### 3 POLICY STATEMENT

##### 3.1 General Policy

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##### 3.2 Detailed Provisions

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## 4 PROCEDURES

### 4.1 Step-By Step Procedures

- **Submission:** Authors submit manuscripts via the online submission system for the journal.
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### 4.2 Responsibilities

- **Authors:** Ensure their submissions comply with the policy.
- **Editors:** Verify that authors agree to the license terms.
- **MJ & M BIOLABS Staff:** Ensure proper implementation of the policy during the publication process.

## 5 COMPLIANCE

### 5.1 Monitoring and Enforcement

- **Monitoring:** Periodic audits will be conducted to ensure compliance with the policy by editorial partner at MJ & M BIOLABS.
- **Enforcement:** Any breaches of the policy will be addressed by editorial partner at MJ & M BIOLABS in conjunction with the section editor and editor-in-chief.

### 5.2 Consequences of Non-Compliance

Non-compliance may result in removal of the manuscript from the journal, notification to the author's institution, and potential prohibition from future submissions.

## 6 RELATED POLICIES AND REFERENCES

### 6.1 Related Policies

- Author Guidelines
- Editorial Policy

## 6.2 References

- Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 4.0 International License
- MJ & M BIOLABS Submission Guidelines

## 7 REVIEW AND REVISION

### 7.1 Review Process

This policy will be reviewed annually by the editorial board to ensure it remains relevant and effective.

### 7.2 Revision History

- Initial version effective as of May 23, 2024

## 8 APPROVAL AND IMPLEMENTATION

### 8.1 Approval Authority

Approved by:

- Managing Partner  
Dr. Michael N. Walekhwa



- Editorial Partner  
Dr. Filex O. Otieno



### 8.2 Effective Date

Effective as of May 23, 2024.

### 8.3 Implementation Plan

Training sessions will be conducted for editorial staff within three months of the effective date.

**9 APPENDIX**  
**9.1 Copyright Form**



**COPYRIGHT AGREEMENT**

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