

Animal Ethical Guidelines

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The journal wishes to make sure that contributors respect these standards.

Commitments of authors relate to:

- ***Animal management and welfare*** during the research work. Any experimental work must have been conducted in accordance with relevant national legislation on the use of animals for research. For guidance authors should refer to “Ethical guidelines for research in animal science” by Jarvis, Day and Reed produced for the British Society for Animal Science (see next pages).
- ***Authorship***, according to the Guidelines on Good Publication Practice enacted by the Committee of Publication Ethics (<http://publicationethics.org/files/u2/2003pdf12.pdf>) and by the Cambridge University Press (<https://www.cambridge.org/core/services/aop-file-manager/file/5b44807ace5b3fca0954531e/CUP-Research-Publishing-Ethics-Guidelines-2019.pdf>).

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