

The scholarly journal is committed to protecting data privacy rights and ensuring compliance with relevant data protection regulations, including the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in the European Union. The journal recognizes the importance of safeguarding the privacy and confidentiality of personal information collected from authors, reviewers, readers, and other users of its services. Here's how the journal addresses data privacy rights and GDPR compliance:

1. Data Privacy Rights:

- The journal respects individuals' data privacy rights and acknowledges their rights to control their personal information.
- Individuals have the right to access, rectify, or delete their personal information held by the journal, as well as the right to restrict or object to the processing of their data.
- Mechanisms are provided for individuals to exercise their data privacy rights, such as submitting data access or deletion requests to the journal's editorial office.

2. Transparency and Consent:

- The journal maintains transparency about its data collection, use, and processing practices through privacy policies, data protection notices, and consent mechanisms.
- Individuals are informed about the purposes for which their personal information is collected and used, as well as their rights regarding data privacy and protection.
- Explicit consent is obtained from individuals before collecting, processing, or disclosing their personal information for specific purposes, such as manuscript submission, peer review, or journal updates.

3. Data Security and Protection:

- Robust technical and organizational measures are implemented to ensure the security, integrity, and confidentiality of personal information collected and processed.
- Personal data is stored securely on the journal's servers or third-party platforms with encryption, access controls, and other security measures in place to prevent unauthorized access, disclosure, or misuse.
- Access to personal data is restricted to authorized personnel involved in editorial and journal administration activities, and confidentiality agreements may be in place to safeguard personal information.

4. Compliance with GDPR:

- The journal complies with the requirements and principles outlined in the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which governs the processing of personal data of individuals within the European Economic Area (EEA).
- The processing of personal data is conducted lawfully, fairly, and transparently, with a lawful basis for processing established for each data processing activity.
- Individuals' rights under the GDPR, including the right to information, access, rectification, erasure, restriction of processing, data portability, and objection to processing, are respected by the journal.

5. Data Protection Officer (DPO):

- The journal may designate a Data Protection Officer (DPO) responsible for overseeing data protection compliance and providing guidance on GDPR requirements.
- The DPO ensures that the journal's data processing activities are conducted in accordance with applicable data protection laws and regulations, including the GDPR.

By prioritizing data privacy rights and compliance with data protection regulations such as the GDPR, the journal aims to foster trust, transparency, and accountability in its handling of personal information while upholding the highest standards of editorial integrity and professionalism.