**1. Introduction**

This Privacy Policy applies to Fusionesj.com ("Journal," "we," "us," or "our") and governs the collection, use, and disclosure of personal information from users of our website, manuscript submission system, and related services (collectively, the "Services"). By using our Services, you consent to the practices described in this policy.

For questions about how we handle personal information in published content, contact us at [[editorial@fusionesj.com](mailto:editorial@fusionesj.com)].

**2. Information We Collect**

We collect information in three ways:

**A. Information You Provide**

* **Account Registration**: Name, email, institutional affiliation, ORCID ID, academic credentials, and profile photo.
* **Submissions & Peer Review**: Manuscript files, author/co-author details, reviewer comments, and correspondence.
* **Communications**: Emails, feedback, or support requests.
* **Payments**: Transaction details (e.g., article processing charges) via secure third-party processors (e.g., Stripe, PayPal).
* **Preferences**: Newsletter subscriptions, alerts, and communication settings.

**B. Automated Collection**

* **Usage Data**: IP address, browser type, pages visited, timestamps, and interactions with the Services.
* **Cookies**: We use cookies to enhance functionality (e.g., login sessions, preferences). Manage settings via your browser or our [Cookie Consent Banner].

**C. Third-Party Sources**

* **Institutions**: Affiliation details for institutional subscriptions.
* **Public Databases**: ORCID profiles or academic networks to validate credentials.

**3. How We Use Your Information**

We use your data to:

* Process submissions, peer review, and editorial workflows.
* Communicate about manuscripts, accounts, or Service updates.
* Personalize content (e.g., recommended articles, topic alerts).
* Improve Services through analytics and user feedback.
* Comply with legal obligations (e.g., tax reporting, fraud prevention).

**4. Sharing Your Information**

We share data only as necessary:

* **Reviewers & Editors**: Manuscript details for peer review (anonymized where applicable).
* **Third-Party Providers**: Payment processors, IT hosting, analytics tools (e.g., Google Analytics).
* **Legal Requirements**: To comply with laws, protect rights, or prevent harm.
* **Academic Collaboration**: Aggregated, anonymized data for research or impact analysis.

We do not sell your personal information.

**5. Your Choices & Rights**

* **Access/Update Data**: Edit your account profile or contact us.
* **Opt-Out**: Unsubscribe from non-essential emails via links in messages.
* **Data Deletion**: Request account deletion (note: published articles remain archived).
* **GDPR/CCPA Rights**: Request access, correction, or portability of your data. Contact [[privacy@fusionesj.com](mailto:privacy@fusionesj.com)].

**6. Data Security & Retention**

* **Security**: Encryption, secure servers, and access controls protect your data.
* **Retention**: Kept only as long as needed for Services, legal compliance, or dispute resolution.

**7. International Data Transfers**

Data may be processed globally via cloud services. We ensure protections through GDPR-compliant agreements or frameworks like the EU-U.S. Data Privacy Framework.

**8. Service-Specific Disclosures**

* **Manuscript Submissions**: Metadata (e.g., author names, abstracts) is publicly accessible upon publication.
* **Peer Review**: Reviewer identities are confidential unless "open peer review" is opted into.
* **Analytics**: Aggregated usage data informs editorial decisions and website improvements.

**9. Changes to This Policy**

Updates will be posted here with a revised date. Material changes will be notified via email or website banners.