

# APPENDIX

## Scientific Integrity Principles

IAFNS and the Institution agree to respect and adhere to the following principles in connection with all research that is the subject of this Agreement.

1. The research shall be designed and conducted objectively and in a transparent manner. This means that:
  - a. The research must be carried out in accordance with accepted principles of scientific inquiry.
  - b. Investigators must maintain their intellectual honesty in proposing and performing all aspects of research so that it is uninfluenced by competing interests, including financial interests.
  - c. The results of the research must be presented factually and without bias or predetermined outcomes and in a manner that ensures that the results are verifiable and repeatable.
2. The study design, the research itself, and the interpretation of findings must remain under the control of the scientific investigators, and not of IAFNS or any of its sponsor companies. IAFNS and all entities that contribute to the funding of the research must respect scientific independence, autonomy, and integrity of the investigators involved. Without limitation, this means that once a design, protocol, or implementation plan has been established for a project, investigators shall not be required to accept suggestions or changes to the design, protocol, or implementation, or to resulting manuscripts, which are proposed by IAFNS or by other entities involved in funding the work in question.
3. IAFNS shall not offer, and the Institution shall not accept, remuneration or tokens of appreciation that are conditioned in any manner on the outcome or interpretation of a research project. This principle does not preclude stopping studies using pre-specified adaptive designs to permit a change in course when the original purpose of the study appears to be futile or dangerous. It also does not preclude deciding which, if any, new work is to be undertaken on the basis of results of a prior study.
4. Unless the Agreement expressly requires earlier publication, the Institution have the right and the obligation to attempt to publish the findings of the research no later than eighteen (18) months following the expiration of the Agreement. The journal to which the research findings are submitted will remain under the control of the investigative team.
5. In publications and conference presentations relating to the research, the party responsible for the publication or presentation must ensure that all sources of funding for the work and any conflicts of interest are fully disclosed in writing.



6. In accordance with the requirements of any journal in which the research results are published, all individuals who make substantial contributions to IAFNS-sponsored studies or publications must be identified and their participation acknowledged.
  
7. The Institution shall guarantee accessibility to all data and control of statistical analysis by investigators and appropriate auditors/reviewers. The Institution must make all data created in the course of the funded project available for download from a digital repository upon:
  - a. six (6) months after any publication describing the results of the funded research project;
  - b. twelve (12) months after the completion of the research project; or
  - c. twelve (12) months after the expiration or termination of this Agreement, whichever is earliest.

The Institution may comply with the above requirement either by depositing a copy of the data in a third-party digital repository from which it may be downloaded free of charge, or by offering such data for download on a website without charge. IAFNS strongly encourages the selection of the Center for Open Science's Open Science Framework as the third party digital repository.

8. All Investigators supported by IAFNS must make clear statements of their affiliation in all publications and presentations arising out of or relating to the work performed under this Agreement. Investigators working in contract research organizations or as contract researchers must publish under the auspices of the contract research organization.
  
9. In publications and conference presentations relating to the research, the party responsible for the publication or presentation must disclose whether the funder advised on the study design, the conduct of research, or the development of the manuscript in writing.