RESEARCH INTEGRITY POLICY

Research integrity is defined as high quality and ethical robust practice across the full research process.

This Research Integrity Policy shall enter into force on the 1st of May 2017. CIC bioGUNE is committed to raise awareness and promote the principles of research integrity, which is integral to excellence, founded on basic principles of Good Research Practice.

All research developed at CIC bioGUNE is required to comply with ***The CIC bioGUNE Code of Ethics and Professional Practice,*** approved by Boards of Directors and entered into force on 1st January 2017. This Code is focus on:
- Competence
- Practice
- Confidentiality
- Relationship to the community
- Relationship to the professional field

In addition, ***The European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity*** is also applicable. This Code was developed by *All European Academies* (ALLEA) and the *European Science Foundation* (ESF) and serves the European research community as a framework for self-regulation. The *European Commission* recognises the Code as the reference document for research integrity and as a model for organisations and researchers across Europe, setting the principles and priorities for the research community.

The European Code formulates 4 main principles:
- **Honesty** in developing, undertaking, reviewing, reporting and communicating research in a transparent, fair, full and unbiased way.
- **Reliability** in ensuring the quality of research, reflected in the design, the methodology, the analysis and the use of resources.
- **Respect** for colleagues, research participants, society, ecosystems, cultural heritage and the environment.
- **Accountability** for the research from idea to publication, for its management and organisation, for training, supervision and mentoring, and for its wider impacts.

These principles are described in the **following contexts**:
- Research Environment
- Training, Supervision and Mentoring
- Research Procedures
- Safeguards
- Data Practices and Management
- Collaborative Working
- Publication and Dissemination
- Reviewing, Evaluating and Editing

The European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity:
https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/other/hi/h2020-ethics_code-of-conduct_en.pdf