**Pledge of Research Ethics**

**(for researchers and students)**

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To: President of Dokkyo Medical University

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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I am aware that academic research is based on trust and commitment from society, and that funds for research are provided from national and local governments, from subsidies and donations from foundations and companies, and the tuition from students.

When executing expenses and implementing research activities by spending funds which are acquired through the competitive funding from public institutions such as the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, and the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, and from research grants, subsidies, and donations from private foundations and companies, and also from funds from Dokkyo Medical University that have been allocated for expenses such as travel, on-campus research including commissioned research (hereinafter collectively referred to as “Research Funds”), I pledge as a researcher or a student at the University to comply with the following provisions faithfully. In the unlikely event that I do something that violates this pledge, I understand that I am subject to disciplinary action as the same as violating regulations of the University.

**Article 1.**

I will comply with internationally recognized norms, rules and treaties, domestic laws and guidelines as well as various regulations of the University.

**Article 2.**

In the use of Research Funds, I will comply with relevant laws and regulations, usage rules for such grants, accounting rules, and the allocated funds will be used only for the purpose of the said research.

**Article 3.**

I will use and manage Research Funds properly and never commit any misconduct such as deposit fraud, travel expense fraud, and remuneration fraud.

**Article 4.**

Documents related to the research expenses shall be appropriately managed and stored for a specified period of time based on the guidelines and contracts of the Research Fund allocation organization and the University’s accounting regulations.

**Article 5.**

In the course of research activities, regardless of whether I am the main author, or a co-author of a paper, I will not forge, falsify, and/or plagiarize data or survey results or double submit articles.

**Article 6.**

I shall be responsible for the payment, if the Research Funds are found to have been misused or research activities are found to be insincere, and the Research Funds allocation organization asks for the return of the funds.

**Article 7.**

I will properly store research data (documents, numerical data, images, etc.) and samples (experimental samples, specimens) which I obtained through research activities in accordance with the Practical Guideline for Fraud Prevention in Research Activities. In addition, I will not make known to anyone, any contents related to the research.

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