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SOP-14 Suspension or Termination of Research  
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## **Suspension or Termination of Research SOP-14**

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## **Suspension or Termination of Research**

### **1. General Provisions**

1.1. This Standard Operating Procedure establishes the procedure for suspension or termination of research previously approved by the Local Bioethics Committee (hereinafter referred to as the Committee or LBC).

1.2. Suspension or termination of research may occur in cases where violations of bioethical requirements, biosafety requirements, or other circumstances affecting the safety of the research are identified.

### **2. Grounds for Research Suspension**

2.1. The Committee may decide to suspend a study in the following cases:

- identification of violations of the approved research protocol;
- identification of violations of bioethical requirements;
- identification of violations of biosafety requirements;
- emergence of unforeseen risks associated with the research;
- receipt of information indicating the need for additional evaluation of the study.

### **3. Grounds for Research Termination**

3.1. The Committee may decide to terminate a study in the following cases:

- significant violations of the research protocol;
- failure to comply with bioethical requirements;
- failure to comply with biosafety requirements;
- refusal of the researcher to correct identified violations;
- impossibility of safely continuing the research.

### **4. Review of Suspension or Termination**

4.1. The issue of research suspension or termination is reviewed at a Committee meeting.

4.2. During the review, the Committee analyzes:

- information on identified violations;
- potential risks to research participants;
- potential risks associated with biological agents;
- measures taken by the researcher to correct violations.



## **5. Decisions of the Committee**

5.1. Based on the review results, the Committee may decide to:

- suspend the research;
- allow continuation of the research subject to correction of violations;
- terminate the research.

5.2. The decision of the Committee is communicated to the Principal Investigator.

## **6. Documentation**

6.1. The decision to suspend or terminate the research is recorded in the minutes of the Committee meeting.

6.2. Relevant documents are attached to the materials of the respective research.

## **7. Final Provisions**

7.1. Compliance with this SOP shall be supervised by the Chair of the Committee.

7.2. The Secretary of the Committee ensures storage of documents related to research suspension or termination.

7.3. This SOP shall enter into force by order of the Head of the Institute.