



Confidentiality of Research Information

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Regulatory Support and References:

- International Committee of Medical Journal Editors: "Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals: Writing and Editing for Biomedical Publication" (October 2004)
(<http://www.icmje.org/>)