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I, the undersigned, declare on my honor to conduct research at the Lebanese University according to recognized Good Research Practice and ethical principles, to the best of my knowledge. I acknowledge that I am a part of an international community of researchers. I shall conduct my research honestly and truthfully and show respect for humans, animals, and nature. I shall use my knowledge and skills to the best of my judgment for the good of humanity and sustainable development.

I shall not allow interests based on ideology, religion, ethnicity, prejudice, or material advantages to overshadow my ethical responsibility as a researcher. I will move away from any research misconduct, including:

- Data manipulation;
- Data fabrication or falsification;
- Plagiarism;
- Concealment of detrimental effects of an intervention;
- Offering gift or ghost authorship;
- Denying other contributors their right as potential authors;
- Trying to bias refereeing;
- Duplicating publications.

Also, I will not overlook research malpractice and will not bias quality assessment. I will try to refrain from working on topics in which I may have a conflict of interest, and I will not hide any potential conflict of interest to readers (if any). I sincerely assert that I will apply my scientific skills and principles to benefit society and will continue to practice and support scientific processes based on logic, intellectual rigor, personal integrity, and uncompromising respect for truth. I will treat my colleagues' work with respect and objectivity and will convey these scientific principles in my chosen profession, in mentoring, and in public debate. I will seek to increase public understanding of the principles of science and its humanitarian goals.

These things I do promise, before God and my colleagues.