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Intro:
ALLEA designed the European Code of Integrity Conduct for Research as an ethical landscape with a self-regulatory framework to guide researchers in their work as well as in their engagement with the practical, ethical and intellectual challenges inherent to research. The ECoC aims to contribute to the exercise of this responsibility and to serve as a self-regulatory framework for the research community.

In order to complete the criteria for appropriate behavior in research, quality and robustness of research we propose below an addition to the ECoC relating to the responsibilities of researchers with regard to human biological samples and associated data, one of the fundamental principles of which is respect for the donor and his consent. Our proposed amendment would be inserted in Chapter 2 Good Research Practices. Among good research practices, honest and ethical research is based on quality storage and security of biological samples and associated data, on open but supervised access to them (see 2.5 ECoC). In the context of publication and dissemination (see 2.7 ECoC), the authors recognize the important work and contributions of their hospital colleagues and biobanks in providing the biological samples.

Chapter 2: COLLECTION PRACTICES AND MANAGEMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES AND ASSOCIATED DATA
Amendment to 2.1: Researchers, institutions and research organizations must ensure that the collections of biological samples (tissues and cells) have been carried out with the greatest respect for donors.

Amendment to 2.5: They must ensure that informed consent has been signed by the donor freely, voluntarily and with full knowledge of the conditions of storage, use and reuse, including possible marketing and distribution, of its biological samples and associated data as part of planned research protocols and their developments.

Amendment to 2.7: Researchers, institutions and research organizations must ensure technological storage methods adapted to each type of biological samples. They must ensure the security of biological samples and associated data. They must maintain a quality policy for sample management and traceability. Their access must be ethically supervised by a Research Ethics Committee (REC) for approval before the start of a research project.

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