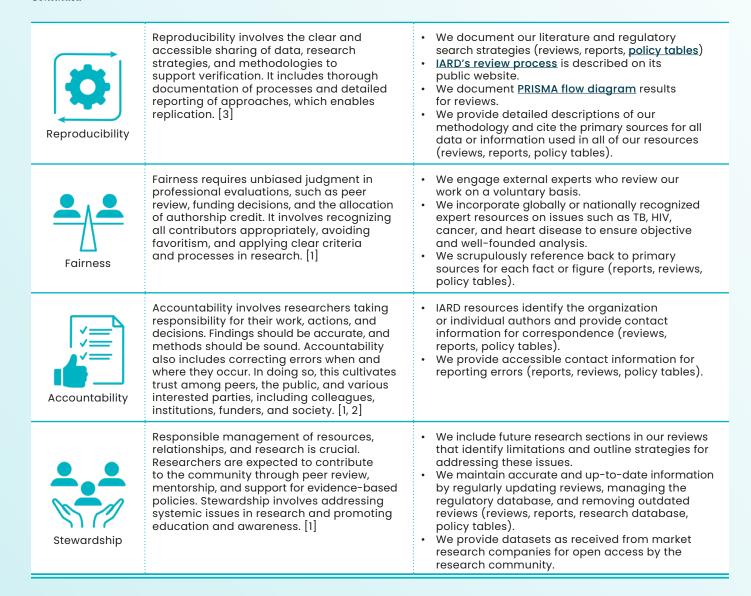


IARD Principles of Scientific Integrity

The International Alliance for Responsible Drinking's (IARD) Science and Policy team is committed to the highest standards of scientific quality and ethical integrity in its work. IARD does not conduct or commission primary academic research, the team analyzes and collects published scientific studies and produces a range of alcohol-related resources. Together, these resources aim to offer a referenced overview of recent peer-reviewed research and regulatory developments. However, as research continues to evolve, these resources may not always reflect the most recent findings and may not be exhaustive representations of all scientific work on a given subject. The team also provides public access to data from economic operators. The following principles, adapted from academic and governmental institutions, guide IARD's approach and commitment to the objectivity and integrity of the scientific process in our work.

Principle	Definition	How IARD implements it
Objectivity (Independence)	Objectivity involves emphasizing unbiased research practices by posing refutable hypotheses, testing them rigorously, and clearly reporting results to ensure reproducibility. Cognitive biases, institutional pressures, or personal desires for specific outcomes can compromise objectivity. [1]	 The Science and Policy team operates as an independent team and is not directed by IARD members in the design, conduct, or reporting of its analytical tasks. Comprehensive details about IARD's research database are provided (About), including search parameters and inclusion/exclusion criteria.
Honesty (Accuracy)	Accuracy requires truthful reporting of data, methods, and findings. It prohibits fabrication, falsification, plagiarism, and subtle forms of dishonesty that involve omitting relevant information or misrepresenting sources, including funding. [1, 2]	Data catalogs and tables on study characteristics follow the PECOTS (population, exposure, comparators, outcome, time, and study design) framework for each study included in a review. Evidence master documents support every statement in our reviews, tying our statement to corresponding text and findings in each referenced source. We disclose the scope and methods used for all of our analyses including reviews, reports, data visualizations. We adhere to best practices for data visualization and presentation (in reviews, reports, policy tables).
Transparency	To uphold trust and credibility, transparency requires disclosing the decision-making process and funding sources and team independence. It requires receptiveness to critical feedback and differing ideas, fostering collaboration and knowledge advancement. [2]	 IARD discloses its membership and funding sources on its website, on individual publicly available resources and publications, and in presentations and other public engagements. The Science and Policy team conducts and reports its analytical work independently from IARD members.

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