



Peer-Review Statements

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1. REVIEW PROCEDURE

The reviews were double blind peer review. Each submission was examined by 2 reviewer(s) independently.

The conference submission management system was Google Form

First, the contributions were examined for general quality and suitability. Following the first screening, the papers were forwarded to be peer reviewed, with consideration given to competing interests, and the topic of each paper matched with the reviewers' areas of expertise. Only papers with positive recommendations from both reviewers was considered for approval.

After addressing the reviewers' recommendations, authors of a rejected contribution had to edit and resubmit. A revised manuscript's acceptance or rejection was final.

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2. QUALITY CRITERIA

Reviewers were instructed to assess the quality of submissions solely based on the academic merit of their content along the following dimensions

1. Relevance to Conference Theme and Scope

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2. Originality and Contribution
3. Methodological Rigor and Validity
4. Clarity and Coherence of Presentation
5. Ethical Considerations and Integrity

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3. KEY METRICS

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| <i>Total submissions</i> | 161 |
| <i>Number of articles sent for peer review</i> | 100 |
| <i>Number of accepted articles</i> | 46 |
| <i>Acceptance rate</i> | 46% |
| <i>Number of reviewers</i> | 35 |

4. COMPETING INTERESTS

Neither the Editor-in-Chief nor any member of the Scientific Committee declares any competing interest.

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