



# Peer-Review Statements

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## 1. REVIEW PROCEDURE

The reviews were *double-blind*. Each submission was examined by 3 reviewer(s) independently.

*The conference submission management system was Microsoft CMT*

*Authors submitted the manuscripts through Microsoft CMT and were initially screened by the Scientific committee. Three reviewers, selected for their expertise and appointed by the Editor-in-Chief, were then assigned to each manuscript. A paper was only considered for acceptance if it received favourable recommendations from at least two of the three reviewers. Authors of rejected submissions were given the opportunity to revise and resubmit their work after addressing the reviewers' comments. The decision to accept or reject a revised manuscript was final.*

*To ensure the integrity and fairness of the peer review process, the following measures are implemented:*

- 1. Reviewers must declare any potential conflicts of interest prior to being assigned a manuscript. If a conflict is identified, the reviewer is recused from handling that paper.*
- 2. A double-blind review process is employed, where both the reviewers and authors remain anonymous to each other, thereby reducing the potential for unconscious bias.*
- 3. We select a diverse pool of reviewers to ensure a broad range of perspectives and reduce the likelihood of bias.*
- 4. All reviewers undergo training to recognize and mitigate unconscious bias, focusing on objective and fair evaluation criteria.*
- 5. Reviewers use standardized forms and criteria for assessing manuscripts, ensuring consistency and fairness in their evaluations.*

## 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. Evaluating the degree to which the work introduces novel ideas or insights.
2. Assessing the importance and potential impact of the research question and findings.
3. Reviewing the rigor and appropriateness of the research methods employed.
4. Assessing the quality, accuracy, and appropriateness of the data and the methods of analysis.
5. Reviewing the overall quality of writing, organization, and presentation of the paper.

In addition, all of the articles have been checked for textual overlap in an effort to detect possible signs of plagiarism by the publisher. *All the manuscripts have been checked through 'Turnitin' maintaining maximum upto 10 % similarity.*

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### 3. KEY METRICS

<i>Total submissions</i>	129
<i>Number of articles sent for peer review</i>	118
<i>Number of accepted articles</i>	43
<i>Acceptance rate</i>	36.44%
<i>Number of reviewers</i>	12

### 4. COMPETING INTERESTS

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