

Peer review policy

The purpose of peer review is to ensure excellence in the articles recommended for publication in the Journal. All the submitted manuscripts are peer reviewed following the procedure given below.

1. Submission of paper

Articles will be invited through notification using various online and social media. The corresponding author or any of the authors mails the paper for favour of publication in the journal via the online system.

2. Editorial office assessment

The manuscript is first checked to ensure that it satisfies the guidelines for the authors prescribed by the Journal. If not, the Editor-in-Chief rejects the paper. Further, the Editor-in-Chief initially assesses the paper in terms of its originality, language, grammar, objectives and scope. If the paper lacks the said criteria, the paper is rejected at this stage. On the other hand, if the manuscript is found to conform to the stated criteria, it is passed on to at least two potential reviewers for necessary evaluation.

3. Response to the invitation

Potential reviewers consider the invitation in terms of their expertise, conflicts of interest and availability. Accordingly, they either accept or decline the invitation for review. In case of decline, invitation may be sent to another potential reviewer as available in the database.

4. Duration of the review process

The review process is expected to be completed within 6 weeks. In case, the reviewers' reports contradict each other or the report of one of the reviewers is unnecessarily delayed, opinion of a third potential reviewer may be sought. However, if the Editor-in-Chief is satisfied with the comments of one of the reviewers, he may act on the basis of it in terms of acceptance or revision or rejection as found appropriate.

In case of revision, revised manuscript is sent to the concerned reviewer. The reviewer, if not satisfied with the revision, may also ask for further revision until it is satisfactory.

5. Type of peer review

Our Journal uses 'double blinded' peer review system. Here, the identity of the authors remains unknown to the reviewers, while the reviewers also remain anonymous to the authors.

6. Selection of reviewers

Our database comprises details of potential reviewers in different areas. Further, the database is being constantly strengthened by addition of more reviewers in different fields.

7. Evaluation by the reviewers

The reviewer will be required to make the evaluation taking care of the following components.

- The methodology

- Relevant literature survey including the current ones
- Ethical guidelines and plagiarism
- Abstract and keywords
- Coherence of results with conclusions
- Enrichment of the concerned area
- The novelty

Note: The above components are not exhaustive.

The language correction is not a part of the peer review process. However, suggestions of reviewers in this respect will be appreciated. The Editor-in-Chief of the editorial office will take care of the linguistic and stylistic rectifications.

8. Final report

The acceptance or rejection or revision of the manuscript is conveyed to the corresponding author along with the comments of the reviewers. In this context, the decision of the Editor-in-Chief is final.

Finally, the Editor-in-Chief will take care of the publication of the accepted articles.