

## REVIEW AND QUALITY CONTROL PROCESS

All submitted manuscripts undergo a multi-stage editorial and scientific evaluation process to ensure high-quality publications, academic integrity, and compliance with international scholarly publishing standards.

**Initial Editorial Screening** - Upon submission, the Editor performs a preliminary assessment of the manuscript to evaluate:

- compliance with the journal's scope and aims,
- scientific relevance and originality,
- technical and methodological quality,
- compliance with the author guidelines,
- language quality and academic writing standards,
- adherence to research ethics principles.

At this stage, all manuscripts undergo:

- plagiarism screening,
- technical and formatting checks,
- reference and metadata verification,
- AI-generated content verification (if applicable).

Manuscripts that do not meet the journal's basic editorial and technical requirements may be rejected without being sent for peer review (desk rejection).

**Double-Blind Peer Review Process** - Manuscripts that successfully pass the initial editorial screening are sent to a double-blind peer review process.

The review process includes:

- anonymity of both authors and reviewers,
- independent evaluation by at least two reviewers from the relevant scientific field,
- objective assessment of the manuscript's scientific contribution, methodology, results, and relevance.

The average peer review process takes approximately 4–8 weeks, depending on reviewer availability and manuscript complexity.

**Reviewer Reports and Editorial Decision** - After completion of the peer review process, reviewers submit detailed reports containing comments, suggestions, and recommendations to the Editor.

Reviewers provide expert recommendations, while the final decision regarding the manuscript is made by the Editor-in-Chief and/or the Editorial Board.

Based on the reviewers' reports, one of the following decisions may be made:

- Accept – acceptance without revisions,
- Minor Revision – acceptance subject to minor revisions,
- Major Revision – substantial revisions required and resubmission for further evaluation,
- Reject – rejection of the manuscript.

**Manuscript Revision** - If revisions are requested, authors are required to submit:

- a revised version of the manuscript,
- a response document addressing reviewers' and editors' comments.

The revised manuscript may be returned to the reviewers for additional evaluation.

**Final Decision and Publication Process** - After successful completion of the review process and final acceptance, the manuscript enters the technical preparation stage for publication, including:

- copyediting and proofreading,
- technical editing and typesetting,
- citation and DOI verification,
- metadata preparation,
- AI generated content verification (final check)
- final preparation for online and/or print publication.

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