



# Peer-Review Statements

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## 1 Review Procedure

The reviews were double-blind. Each submission was examined by two reviewer(s) independently. The conference submission management system was easy chair.

We divided the submission of the ICOLIB participant into two categories, the first is abstract and the second the full manuscript submission. The submissions of the abstract were first screened for generic quality, relatedness to the main topic and suitability by the editorial team. Based on this initial screening, all of the abstracts would be classified by the main theme, i.e. Applied Sciences (Agriculture, Biotechnology & Bioinformatics), Basic Sciences (Ecology, Zoology, Botany, and Microbiology), Biodiversity & Bioconservation, Health & Medicine (Pharmacy & Medical Sciences). All of the selected abstracts would be presented by their author during the ICOLIB conferences. The committee gave an option to the authors to publish their manuscripts or just presented their work in the ICOLIB conference.

All of the complete manuscripts then follow the review process, the first step was to evaluate the relatedness to the proceedings series “Advances in Biological Sciences Research”, scientific quality, novelty and contribution to the science. The second step is checking the similarity using Turnitin to evaluate the textual overlap and detect the possible sign of plagiarism. The third step was to send for peer review by matching each

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paper's topic with the reviewers' expertise, taking into account any competing interests. However, in some case, we also sent the manuscript to the third reviewer to consider another opinion if the first two reviewers has an opposite decision. A paper could only be considered for acceptance if it had received favourable comments and suggestions from the two reviewers. The recommendations then sent back to the author to address the reviewer's comment. The acceptance or rejection of a revised manuscript was final. In the final steps, all of the manuscripts were adjusted in their layout and some of the technical editing for the pre-print version. This preprint document would be sent to the author for clarification. They also should be sent a statement of the novelty and originality of the study.

## 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. The editorial gave a rubric for a guideline which contains some important aspect related to the quality of the manuscript such as:

1. Pertinence of the article's content to the scope and themes of the conference;
2. Clear demonstration of originality, novelty, and timeliness of the research;
3. Soundness of the methods, analyses, and results;
4. Adherence to the ethical standards and codes of conduct relevant to the research field;
5. Clarity, style, cohesion, and accuracy in language and other modes of expression, including figures and tables.

We have a policy that each manuscript should be reviewed by two reviewers and each reviewer only reviews two manuscripts. The consequences of this policy is that we contact more reviewers, in total we ask 61 reviewer for completing the review process.

## 3 Key Metrics

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| Total submissions                       | 118   |
| Number of articles sent for peer review | 67    |
| Number of accepted articles             | 61.   |
| Acceptance rate                         | 51.5% |
| Number of reviewers                     | 61    |

## 4 Competing Interests

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

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