



# Peer-Review Statements

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## 1 Review Procedure

The reviews were single-blind. Each submission was examined by 2 reviewers independently. The first assessment has been carried out during registering for the conference, contributions were evaluated based on the title and abstract. If the abstract was not evaluated as thematically appropriate for the conference, the registration was rejected and the manuscript was not sent.

After the accepted registrations the submissions were first screened for generic quality and suitability. After the initial screening, they were sent for peer review by matching each paper's topic with the reviewers' expertise, considering any competing interests. A paper could only be considered for acceptance if it had received favourable recommendations from the two reviewers. Authors of a rejected submission were given the opportunity to revise and resubmit after addressing the reviewers' comments.

## 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. Originality
2. Contribution to The Field
3. Technical Quality
4. Clarity of Presentation
5. Depth of Research
6. Manuscript's structure according to the Instruction to the authors
7. Appropriate references

In addition, all of the articles have been checked for textual overlap in an effort to detect possible signs of plagiarism by the publisher. It was use Crossref from iThenticate.

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### 3 Key Metrics

Total submissions	57
Number of articles sent for peer review	57
Number of accepted articles	38
Acceptance rate	67%
Number of reviewers	37

**Competing Interests.** Some of the reviewers were also authors or co-authors of the manuscripts. These were taken out from handling their manuscripts and has delegated them to colleagues with no personal interests in them.

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