



Peer-Review Statements

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All of the articles in this proceedings volume have been presented at the 4th International Conference on The Future of ASEAN 2023 during 15–16 March 2023 in Universiti Teknologi MARA, Perlis Branch, Malaysia. These articles have been peer reviewed by the members of Scientific Committee and approved by the Editor-in-Chief, who affirms that this document is a truthful description of the conference’s review process.

1 Review Procedure

The reviews were single-blind. Each submission was examined by at least 2 reviewer(s) independently.

The conference submission management system was Easychair.

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, taking into account any competing interests. A paper was 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. The acceptance or rejection of a revised manuscript was final.

Reviewers were carefully selected based on their expertise on the area and there is no close relationship with authors.

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. Relevance to Conference Theme

Pertinence of the article’s content to the scope and themes of the conference;

2. Originality and Novelty

Clear demonstration of originality, novelty, and timeliness of the research.

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3. **Soundness of Methodology**

Soundness of the methods, analyses, and results;

4. **Reviewer’s Confident**

Adherence to the ethical standards and codes of conduct relevant to the research field;

5. **Organization, Readability and Quality of Presentation**

Clarity, cohesion, and accuracy in language and other modes of expression, including figures and tables.

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 of the articles was submitted to Ouriginal software.

3 Key Metrics

Total submissions	93
Number of articles sent for peer review	63
Number of accepted articles	28
Acceptance rate	30%
Number of reviewers	126

Competing Interests. Some of the authors (Aishah Sakinah) were supervised by the Editor-in-Chief, who has recused herself from handling their submissions and has delegated them to colleagues with no personal interests in them.

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