



Peer-Review Statements

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All of the articles in this proceedings volume have been presented at the 4th International Conference on Environmental Science and Technology – EST 2023 during 10-11 August 2023 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. These articles have been peer-reviewed by the members of the 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 *double-blind*. Each submission was examined by 2 reviewer(s) independently.

The conference submission management system was EquinOCS.

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 could only be considered for acceptance if it had received favorable 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 recused if he/she had closely worked with the author or coauthor previously.

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. Clear demonstration of originality, novelty, and timeliness of the research;
2. Pertinence of the article's content to the scope and themes of the conference;
3. Adherence to the ethical standards and codes of conduct relevant to the research field;

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- 4. Soundness of the methods, analyses, and results;
- 5. 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. Authors who had a high percentage of plagiarism were notified and revised their articles to reduce the text overlap.

3 KEY METRICS

Total submissions	42
Number of articles sent for peer review	42
Number of accepted articles	21
Acceptance rate	50%
Number of reviewers	21

4 COMPETING INTERESTS

Many of the scientific committees were selected from the outside of the institutions and considered to have scientific ethics. Therefore, neither the Editor-in-Chief nor any member of the Scientific Committee declares any competing interest.

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