

Peer-Review Statements

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All of the articles in this proceedings volume have been presented at the *ICSMTR 2023* on October 9-10, 2023, in Universitas Negeri Makassar, Indonesia. These articles have been peer-reviewed by the members of the *Reviewers 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 reviewers independently. The submissions were first screened for generic quality and suitableness. After the initial screening, papers are sent to two reviewers identified as experts in the area of research. Papers are deemed acceptable once the two reviewers give positive evaluations. The authors get an acceptance letter and review form from the reviewers. The authors are then advised to address the comments made by the reviewers. In correspondence, the paper is referred back to the reviewers to check whether the comments are addressed. If the comments are not addressed, the paper is referred back to the authors to make good revisions. The acceptance or rejection of a revised manuscript was final. Furthermore, the Editorial Board then edited the accepted papers to remove minor punctuation, grammar, and format mistakes.

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. 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;

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 - Adherence to the ethical standards and codes of conduct relevant to the research field:
 - 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.

3. KEY METRICS

Total submissions 75

Number of articles sent for peer review 60

Number of accepted articles 23

Acceptance rate 30.07%

Number of reviewers 9

4. COMPETING INTERESTS

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

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