



## Peer-Review Statements

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### 1. REVIEW PROCEDURE

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to make the required changes or have done so to a degree below ICORT standards (guideline icorte.com), the manuscript will be rejected

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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, 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

<i>Total submissions</i>	65
<i>Number of articles sent for peer review</i>	65
<i>Number of accepted articles</i>	49
<i>Acceptance rate</i>	75%
<i>Number of reviewers</i>	15

## 4. COMPETING INTERESTS

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

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