



# Peer-Review Statements

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All of the articles in this proceedings volume have been presented at the [ICESG2024] during [10 – 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024] in [Sabah International Convention Centre, Malaysia]. 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 [at least 2] reviewer(s) independently.

[The conference submission management system was EDAS]

The submissions were first screened for generic quality and suitability according to the conference theme and tracks. After the initial screening, they were sent for peer review, matching each paper's topic with the reviewers' expertise, taking into account any competing interests. Each paper was sent to at least two independent reviewers. A paper could only be considered for acceptance if it had received favourable recommendations from the two reviewers. The authors were required to address the reviewers' comments.

Those papers that receive rejections from reviewers will be rejected from participation as paper presenters. They can still attend the conference as participants. The acceptance or rejection of a revised manuscript was final.]

[We limit each reviewer to a maximum of 3 papers unless reviewers state that they can do more than 3 papers. We also do not allow reviewers to review papers that they have co-authored with the author(s), or from the same institution.]

## 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 [*Note: please summarise your criteria and order them by importance; the following list is an example*]:

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. All submissions were carefully screened using the Turnitin software, and the Turnitin report will be carefully screened in the second round by the Scientific Committee to ensure originality and integrity.

## 3. KEY METRICS

<i>Total submissions</i>	139
<i>Number of articles sent for peer review</i>	139
<i>Number of accepted articles</i>	93
<i>Number of papers submitted to Atlantis</i>	23
<i>Acceptance rate</i>	66.9%
<i>Number of reviewers</i>	37

*[Any additional information about article statistics belongs to this section, but the listing should suffice in most situations. More rows can be added if necessary, but please do not delete any existing row. Numbers are for example only. “Acceptance rate” is (number of accepted articles) divided by (number of total submissions).]*

## 4. COMPETING INTERESTS

*[Competing interests refer to any interests of the Editor-in-Chief and/or members of the review body, that may or may be perceived to influence editorial decisions. It is normal to have interests, even competing ones, but the ethics of scientific publication demands that any competing interests be properly declared, and that appropriate steps be taken to uphold the validity of the editorial process in their presence.]*

*This is the proper section to document competing interests and the measures to address them. We show three examples here, and we encourage the organizers consult the Publisher's and/or COPE guidelines for further information. In case of uncertainty, please contact the Publisher.*

There is no conflict of interest.

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