



Peer-Review Statements

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All of the articles in this proceedings volume have been presented at the *International conference on Bio based Environment for Sustainable Territory [ICBEST 2024]* during 7th & 8th November 2024 in Rajahmundry. Each article included in this proceedings volume has undergone a rigorous peer review process conducted by esteemed members of the Scientific Committee. The commitment to transparency and integrity in the review process is further underscored by the approval of the Editor-in-Chief, who asserts that this volume authentically reflects the intellectual contributions that emerged during the conference.

1. Review Procedure

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

In the intricate fabric of scholarly publishing, the journey of a submission begins with a thorough and perceptive screening process. Each paper is first carefully examined for its generic quality and overall suitability, only those manuscripts that garner favourable endorsements from two reviewers are granted the coveted status of acceptance. This dual approval system fortifies the foundation of scholarly credibility, ensuring that published works are not only of high quality but also resonate with the expertise of respected peers in the field. Thus, the journey from submission to publication is not simply a transaction it's a rigorous, collaborative endeavour that upholds the integrity of academia.

Once the reviewers' recommendations were addressed, authors of rejected submissions were given the chance to make revisions and submit again. The decision to accept or reject a revised article was final.

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. Extent and accuracy of the discussion;
- 4. Soundness of the methods, analyses, and results;
- 5. Adherence to the ethical standards and codes of conduct relevant to the research field;
- 6. The interpretations and conclusions are supported by the evidence;
- 7. Clarity, cohesion, and accuracy in language and other modes of expression, including figures and tables;
- 8. In addition, all of the articles have been checked for textual overlap by employing specialized software such as Turnitin to detect possible signs of plagiarism. We have also implemented our own measures to ensure originality and integrity in the submitted work.

3. KEY METRICS

<i>Total submissions</i>	72
<i>Number of articles sent for peer review</i>	57
<i>Number of accepted articles</i>	22
<i>Acceptance rate</i>	30.55%
<i>Number of reviewers</i>	13

4. COMPETING INTERESTS

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

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