



Peer-Review Statements

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All of the articles in this proceedings volume have been presented at the MICROMEDHS 2024 during September 14-15, 2024, in Malang, Indonesia. These articles have been peer-reviewed by the members of the Scientific Committee of MICROMEDHS 2024 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 two reviewers independently.

The conference submission management system used was EasyChair. The submissions were first screened for generic quality and suitability to the conference scope. 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 both reviewers.

Authors of rejected submissions were given the opportunity to revise and resubmit after addressing the reviewers' comments. The acceptance or rejection of a revised manuscript was final.

Efforts to improve peer review included:

1. Reviewers were recused from handling papers by closely related authors (e.g., colleagues, co-authors, or students).
2. Steps were taken to reduce unconscious bias, such as anonymizing author details during the review process.

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: Submissions must align with the focus areas of MICROMEDHS 2024, including medical technology, public health, and interdisciplinary healthcare research.

2. Clear demonstration of originality, novelty, and timeliness of the research : Articles must present new insights, methods, or findings that contribute to the advancement of knowledge in their respective fields.
3. Soundness of the methods, analyses, and results : Research methodologies must be robust, reproducible, and supported by appropriate statistical analyses.
4. Adherence to the ethical standards and codes of conduct relevant to the research field : Submissions must comply with ethical guidelines, including informed consent, animal welfare, and data privacy.
5. Clarity, cohesion, and accuracy in language and other modes of expression, including figures and tables : Articles must be well-written, logically structured, and free of grammatical errors.

In addition, all of the articles have been checked for textual overlap using Turnitin software in an effort to detect possible signs of plagiarism. Authors were required to address any issues identified during this process before final acceptance.

3. KEY METRICS

<i>Total submissions</i>	120
<i>Number of articles sent for peer review</i>	105
<i>Number of accepted articles</i>	23
<i>Acceptance rate</i>	21%
<i>Number of reviewers</i>	10

4. COMPETING INTERESTS

1. Some of the authors (e.g., students or colleagues) were supervised by the Editor-in-Chief, who has recused himself from handling their submissions and has delegated them to colleagues with no personal interests in them.
2. Additionally, the conference was partially funded by Universitas Negeri Malang, a university that has also supported some of the research submitted to the conference. All authors and reviewers were required to disclose their funding sources, and those research works funded by Universitas Negeri Malang were reviewed by members of the Scientific Committee with no personal interests in the company.

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