



# Peer-Review Statements

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## 1. REVIEW PROCEDURE

The reviews were double-blind. Each submission was examined by two reviewers independently.

The submissions were first screened by an editor for generic quality and suitability. 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 favourable recommendations from the two reviewers.

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

The selected reviewer not only has expertise matching to paper's topic, but also has no close relationship with the paper's author such as not working in the same department with the author.

## 2. QUALITY CRITERIA

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1. Is the paper in accordance with the aim of the conference?

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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.

All submitted manuscripts were automatically screened for plagiarism by the conference management system.

### **3. KEY METRICS**

<i>Total submissions</i>	280
<i>Number of articles sent for peer review</i>	238
<i>Number of accepted articles</i>	124
<i>Acceptance rate</i>	44.28%
<i>Number of reviewers</i>	152

### **4. COMPETING INTERESTS**

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

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