



Peer-Review Statements

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All of the articles in this proceedings volume have been presented at the *The 4th International Conference on English Studies in Indonesia [ICONESIA]* during *October 28th – 29th, 2025* in *Universitas 17 Agustus 1945 Surabaya, Surabaya, Indonesia*. These articles have been peer reviewed by the members of the *ICONESIA 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 review*. Each submission was examined by *1* Editor and *1* reviewer independently.

The conference submission management system was Open Journal System (OJS).

The submissions were first screened for generic quality and suitability, particularly the scope of the manuscripts. 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.

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. Editor received the manuscript from the author;
2. Editor evaluated the manuscript (journal aim and scope, in-house style, supplementary data); (Rejected if not meets criteria)
3. Editor screened for plagiarism on offline and online databases manually; (Rejected if found major plagiarism, contact author if found redundancy or minor plagiarism for clarification). The similarity index is a maximum of 20%.
4. Editor sent the manuscript to the reviewer along with the review form (blind review);
5. Reviewer sent back his review form to Editor (with a revised manuscript if necessary);
6. Editor's decision (rejected, requires major revision, needs minor revision, or accepted);
7. Confirmation to the Author.
8. For any revisions, the author revised the manuscript, and should be returned to the editor without delay. Returned later than one month will be considered withdrawn.

In addition, all of the articles have been checked for textual overlap in an effort to detect possible signs of plagiarism by the publisher. *We apply Turnitin similarity checks for plagiarism identification before the article is sent for substantial review process.*

The 4th ICONESIA 2025 is an international conference hosted by the ESAI, Collaboration with Untag Surabaya. The manuscripts submitted to this conference were single-blind peer-reviewed by at least 1 (one) reviewer and 1 (one) editor. The accepted manuscripts were recommended for online publication following the conference peer-reviewing process. The language used in this conference is English.

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3. KEY METRICS

<i>Total submissions</i>	118
<i>Number of articles sent for peer review</i>	31
<i>Number of accepted articles</i>	20
<i>Acceptance rate</i>	64%
<i>Number of reviewers</i>	10

4. COMPETING INTERESTS

Neither the Editor-in-Chief nor any member of the Scientific Committee declares no competing interest.

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