



Peer-Review Statements

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1. REVIEW PROCEDURE

The reviews were conducted using a double-blind peer-review process, with each manuscript independently evaluated by at least two reviewers. The submission and review process was managed through the iRiseCon Journal Hub. All manuscripts underwent editorial screening before being assigned to reviewers according to their expertise. Authors revised their manuscripts based on reviewers' comments before final editorial approval. Reviewer identities remained anonymous throughout the review process, while any potential conflicts of interest were appropriately managed. The iRiseCon Journal Hub ensured an efficient, transparent, and well-documented peer-review workflow.

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. Originality, novelty, significance, and potential contribution to knowledge, innovation, sustainability, education, or professional practice.
3. Technical soundness of the research methodology, analyses, results, and conclusions;

4. Adherence to ethical research standards and accepted 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 before publication to ensure academic integrity and to identify potential cases of plagiarism..

3. KEY METRICS

<i>Total submissions (abstracts)</i>	35
<i>Number of articles sent for peer review</i>	35
<i>Number of accepted articles</i>	28
<i>Acceptance rate</i>	80%
<i>Number of reviewers</i>	108

4. COMPETING INTERESTS

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