Peer-Review Statements

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All of the articles in this proceedings volume have been presented at the *Global Symposium on Adaptive Manufacturing (GSAM 2026) on 7th Sepetmber 2026* in *Ulster University Derry~Londonderry Campus, Northern Ireland, UK* . These articles have been peer reviewed by the members of the *Programme Committee* and approved by the editorial team. The Editor-in-Chief affirms that this document is a truthful description of the conference's review process.

1. REVIEW PROCEDURE

GSAM 2026 followed a single-blind peer-review process. Manuscripts were submitted through the conference submission form and administered using the University registered conference email account, GSAM2026@ulster.ac.uk.

A total of 33 manuscripts were received. Submissions were initially screened for relevance to the conference scope, completeness, general academic quality, and suitability for peer review. Following this screening, 31 manuscripts were sent for peer review.

A total of 12 reviewers with relevant academic and technical expertise participated in the process. Manuscripts were assigned according to the subject area of the submission and the reviewer's expertise, with each manuscript independently assessed by at least one reviewer.

To ensure consistency in the assessment process, a standardised GSAM 2026 Review Report was used. Reviewers completed a separate report for each assigned manuscript, covering conflicts of interest, potential plagiarism or ethical concerns, compliance with the submission requirements, detailed reviewer comments, and an overall quality score. Reviewers provided one of four recommendations: accept in present form, accept after minor revision, reconsider after major revision, or reject.

Manuscripts requiring minor or major revisions were returned to the authors with the reviewer's comments. Major concerns included, where applicable, insufficient novelty, inadequate technical or experimental evidence, weaknesses in methodology or

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analysis, insufficient validation, and unsupported conclusions. Manuscripts that did not adequately address substantive concerns or demonstrate sufficient scientific or technical contribution were rejected.

Revised manuscripts were assessed against the issues raised during peer review. Final decisions were made by the editorial team based on the reviewer's reports and recommendations and the quality of the revised manuscripts.

Following the review and revision process, 23 manuscripts were accepted.

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. Relevance to the scope and themes of GSAM 2026;
2. Originality, novelty, and significance of the contribution;
3. Scientific and technical soundness of the methodology, analysis, and results;
4. Adequacy of technical evidence and validation supporting the conclusions;
5. Compliance with relevant research and publication ethics; and
6. Clarity, organisation, and overall quality of presentation, including figures, tables, and references.

In addition to the peer-review assessment, manuscripts were checked for textual overlap using Turnitin to identify potential plagiarism or inappropriate duplication. Where concerns were identified, these were considered by the editorial team before a final decision was made.

3. KEY METRICS

Total submissions	33
Number of articles sent for peer review	31
Number of accepted articles	23
Acceptance rate	69.7%
Number of reviewers	12

4. COMPETING INTERESTS

Some members of the editorial team were also authors or co-authors of manuscripts submitted to GSAM 2026. To maintain the independence and impartiality of the peer-review process, individuals did not participate in the review or editorial deci-

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