Peer-Review Statements

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All of the articles in this proceedings volume have been presented at the 3rd Malikussaleh International Conference on Health and Disaster Medicine (MICOHEDMED) 2026 on October 21, 2026, at the University of Malikussaleh, North Aceh. These articles have been peer-reviewed by the members of the [Reviewer Committee] and approved by the Editor-in-Chief and volume editor, who affirm that this document is a truthful description of the conference's review process.

1. REVIEW PROCEDURE

The reviews were single-blind. Each submission was examined by two reviewer(s) independently. The conference submission management system was Open Journal Systems (OJS) – MICOHEDMED Proceedings.

The submissions were first screened for general quality, suitability, and compliance with the conference scope and criteria, and only those meeting these requirements proceeded to the full peer review stage. Before peer review, all submissions underwent a plagiarism check, and manuscripts with a similarity score of 17% or higher were returned to the author(s). Subsequently, manuscripts were assigned to reviewers based on the alignment between the paper's topic and the reviewers' expertise. Reviewers were recused from handling papers authored by closely related individuals or where potential competing interests existed. Manuscripts requiring major or minor revisions were returned to the authors for resubmission. Upon resubmission, they underwent a second plagiarism check and were required to have a similarity score below 17%. A manuscript was considered acceptable only after receiving positive recommendations following the review process. The decision to accept or reject a revised manuscript was final.

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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. 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.

In addition, all of the articles were checked for textual overlap to detect possible signs of plagiarism. Prior to peer review, submissions exceeding the 17% similarity threshold (Turnitin) were returned to the author(s) for further revision. Following peer review and resubmission, a second check was conducted, and the manuscripts were required to have a similarity score below 17% before proceeding to the next stage.

3. KEY METRICS

Total submissions	28
Number of articles sent for peer review	22
Number of accepted articles	19
Acceptance rate	67%
Number of reviewers	13

4. COMPETING INTERESTS

Neither the Editor-in-Chief, the Volume Editor, nor any member of the Review Committee declared any competing interests that could influence the editorial decision-making process. Editors, volume editors, and reviewers were recused from handling manuscripts authored by closely related individuals or where potential competing interests existed. These measures were implemented to maintain the integrity and validity of the peer-review process and to ensure that editorial decisions were made objectively and independently.

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