Peer-Review Statements

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1. REVIEW PROCEDURE

The reviews were a double-blind process. Each submission was examined by at least two reviewers independently.

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The submissions were first screened 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 be considered for acceptance only if it had received favourable recommendations from both reviewers.

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2. QUALITY CRITERIA

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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.

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3. KEY METRICS

Total submissions	141
Number of articles sent for peer review	122
Number of accepted articles	37
Acceptance rate	30,3%
Number of reviewers	13

4. COMPETING INTERESTS

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

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