Peer-Review Statements

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1. Review Procedure

The reviews were *single-blind*. Each submission was examined by *at least 2* reviewer(s) independently.

The conference submission management system was Microsoft Conference Toolkit (CMT).

The submissions were first screened for generic quality and suitableness. 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.

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. Technical contribution and relevance to the conference scope and themes.
2. Originality and technical novelty of the research contribution.
3. Soundness of literature review and methodology, including the clarity and appropriateness of the proposed methods.
4. Validity of results and conclusions, including adequacy of analysis and experimental validation.
5. Quality of title and abstract in accurately presenting the research work.

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6. Organization and presentation, including adherence to Springer format and clarity of figures, tables, and language.
7. Research ethics and integrity, including appropriate citation and attribution.

In addition, all articles were checked for textual overlap and potential AI-generated content using Turnitin by the publisher, to identify possible plagiarism, inappropriate text reuse, or excessive reliance on AI-generated content.

3. Key Metrics

Total submissions	76
Number of articles sent for peer review	74
Number of accepted articles	21
Acceptance rate	28.37%
Number of reviewers	45

4. Competing Interests

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

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