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PEER REVIEW POLICY

Purpose and Principles

The peer review process ensures the quality, originality, and academic integrity of articles published in this journal. It aims to uphold the highest standards of scholarly communication through fair, constructive, and transparent evaluation of submitted manuscripts. All submissions undergo peer review to verify that they contribute meaningfully to the field and meet the journal's ethical and methodological standards.

Type of Peer Review

The journal follows a **double-blind peer review** system:

- The identities of both authors and reviewers are concealed from each other.
- Reviewers receive anonymized manuscripts with all identifying details removed.
- Editors ensure confidentiality throughout the review process.

In special cases, such as invited papers, open or single-blind review may be applied, with clear disclosure to the authors.

Review Process

1. All manuscripts are screened by the editorial board to ensure relevance, quality, and adherence to the journal's scope and ethical guidelines. Submissions that do not meet basic criteria may be returned to authors without external review.
2. Reviewers are selected based on their subject expertise, research credentials, and absence of conflicts of interest. Each paper is typically reviewed by two independent reviewers.
3. Reviewers assess manuscripts for:
 - Originality and significance of contribution;
 - Theoretical and methodological soundness;
 - Clarity, structure, and coherence of argument;
 - Relevance to the journal's focus;
 - Ethical compliance and citation integrity.

4. Reviewers are expected to complete their evaluation within 4–6 weeks. Extensions may be granted upon request.
5. Based on reviewer feedback, editorial decisions may include:
 - Accept as submitted;
 - Accept with minor revisions;
 - Revise and resubmit for further review; or
 - Reject.

The **Editor-in-Chief** makes the final decision on publication.

Author Responsibilities

- Submit original, high-quality, and properly referenced manuscripts.
- Respond to reviewer and editorial comments professionally and promptly.
- Clearly mark all revisions and provide a detailed response letter explaining changes.
- Refrain from attempting to influence reviewers or editorial decisions in any form.

Confidentiality and Data Protection

All manuscripts, reviewer comments, and editorial communications are **confidential**. No part of a submission may be shared, reproduced, or discussed outside the formal review process without permission from the Editor-in-Chief.

Appeals and Complaints

Authors may appeal editorial decisions if they believe the review was unfair or inconsistent. Appeals must be submitted in writing with clear justification. The editorial board will conduct an independent reassessment, and the decision of the **Editor-in-Chief** will be final.

Policy Review and Updates

This policy is reviewed periodically to ensure compliance with evolving standards in scholarly publishing. Updates will be announced on the journal's website.