

PEER REVIEW PROCESS

The peer review process is a crucial step in the publication of scholarly research. It involves subjecting a submitted manuscript to evaluation by independent experts (peers) in the same field. This process ensures that the work is rigorously scrutinized for quality, accuracy, originality, and relevance before being accepted for publication.

MAT Journals follows Double blind peer-review

We are dedicated to maintaining a fair, unbiased, and efficient peer review process. Manuscript acceptance or rejection decisions are guided by multiple factors, such as the significance, originality, and coherence of the work, the soundness of the research, and its relevance to the journal's focus and mission. Reviewer feedback is an essential component of this evaluation process.

Selection of Reviewers

Reviewers are carefully selected based on their expertise and experience, particularly their previous publications in the relevant field, and their track record in providing high-quality and timely reviews. We use multiple sources to identify potential reviewers, including the editorial board, personal recommendations, author suggestions, and bibliographic databases. Each review invitation contains sensitive information and must be handled with strict confidentiality.

Initial Manuscript Evaluation

Every new submission is screened for completeness and adherence to the **Guide for Authors**. If a manuscript fails to meet these basic criteria, it may be rejected at this stage. Typically, authors of rejected papers are notified within 2-3 working days of submission.

Associate Editor Evaluation

Once a submission passes the initial screening, the Associate Editor assesses whether it warrants peer review. Manuscripts may be rejected without review if they are deemed insufficiently original, contain significant conceptual or methodological issues, have poor grammar or language issues, or fall outside the journal's scope. Authors of manuscripts rejected at this stage are usually informed within 5-7 working days.

If the manuscript is considered suitable, it is sent to at least one expert reviewer for a thorough evaluation.

Reviewers' Reports

Reviewers are chosen based on their expertise and the subject matter of the manuscript. Our referee database is continually updated to reflect the most qualified reviewers for specific topics. Reviewers are asked to assess manuscripts on the following criteria:

- **Originality** and significance of the contribution

- **Relevance** to scholars, scientists, and/or practitioners
- **Coverage** of relevant literature
- **Adequacy** of methodology, analysis, and interpretation
- **Clarity** and conciseness of the writing, avoiding unnecessary jargon

Reviewers are encouraged to provide constructive, anonymous feedback for the authors, along with optional confidential comments for the editor. The typical review period is 7-10 days.

Final Decision and Time to Publication

The Associate Editor is responsible for making the final decision on whether to recommend the manuscript for publication or to reject it. This decision, along with any feedback from the reviewers, is communicated to the author. Once a manuscript is accepted, the article is published online within 5 days.

Timeliness

MAT Journals strives to provide prompt editorial decisions. We request that potential reviewers respond to invitations promptly, and those who accept are expected to submit their reviews within the agreed timeframe. If a reviewer is unable to meet the deadline, they are encouraged to inform the editor as soon as possible so that alternative arrangements can be made.

Potential Conflicts of Interest

Reviewers who recognize a conflict of interest—whether financial, personal, or professional—regarding a manuscript they are asked to review should promptly inform the assigning editor or decline the invitation to review.

Confidentiality

All submitted manuscripts are treated with strict confidentiality. Reviewers must keep the manuscript and any associated data private. If a reviewer consults colleagues for advice, they are responsible for ensuring confidentiality and must disclose the names of those consulted in their final report to the journal.

Anonymity

To maintain impartiality, the identities of reviewers are not disclosed to authors. Reviewers are discouraged from revealing their identity, as this could affect their ability to provide objective comments during subsequent revisions of the manuscript.

At MAT Journals, we believe that a thorough, unbiased peer review process is key to maintaining the quality and integrity of the research we publish.