
EDITORIAL

Foremost in the minds of the Editor and the members of the Editorial Board of a Journal is the enhancement of recognition of the Journal. The other stakeholders of the Journal including the authors and researchers who submit articles or manuscripts relevant to their research, the reviewers of the submitted manuscripts who are responsible for the peer reviews of the manuscripts also stand to benefit through the enhancement of recognition of the Journal.

There are many important things the peer-reviewers must keep in mind.

The peer review process of the submitted manuscripts ensures transparency and integrity of the research that is published in the Journal. The peer review process also allows evaluation of the research reported in the manuscripts by experts in the relevant academic field. The peer reviewers who are selected by the Editor and members of the Editorial Board to evaluate the manuscripts must be responsible both ethically and professionally. It is these peer reviewers who advise the Editor and members of the Editorial Board and assist them to make editorial decisions and also to provide feedback to the authors to improve their manuscripts for publication in the journal.

The review process of the manuscripts commence with the Editor receiving the manuscripts from the corresponding authors.

The manuscripts are initially checked for plagiarism, if any, and then first screened by a member of the Editorial Board who is an expert in the relevant academic field under which the manuscript is classified. The advice of the relevant Board member plays a major role in the review process and is relied upon by the Editor and Editorial Board to decide whether to process the manuscript further. When the Editorial Board decides to further process a manuscript based on the advice of the Board member who pre-screened the manuscript, it is the Editorial Board that selects the potential reviewers of the manuscript. The manuscript is then forwarded promptly to the reviewers. If for any reason the selected reviewer is unable to review the manuscript he/she is advised to report to the Editor immediately.

All reviewers must keep in mind that objectivity is of prime importance when reviewing a manuscript. The review report should not contain any personal references, comments or criticism of the authors.

The Editor depends on the reviewers for constructive and clear review comments of the manuscript supported by appropriate arguments and expects the reviewers to submit their review reports without delay to expedite the publication.

Complete confidentiality on the part of the reviewers regarding any knowledge gained from the review process is also strictly expected by the Editor.

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