Peer Review Workflow

1. Manuscript Submission

Authors submit their manuscript through the journal's online submission system or official submission channel. The submission should include the manuscript file, author information, declarations, and any required supporting documents.

2. Initial Editorial Screening

The editorial office checks whether the manuscript fits the journal's aims and scope, follows the basic format, and includes the required ethical and author declarations. Manuscripts that are clearly unsuitable may be returned or rejected at this stage.

3. Scope, Ethics, and Similarity Check

The manuscript is checked for scope relevance, ethical compliance, plagiarism, duplicate submission, and similarity concerns. Manuscripts with serious ethical or originality issues may be rejected before peer review.

4. Peer Review Assignment

A handling editor or section editor assigns the manuscript to suitable reviewers based on their expertise, availability, and absence of conflicts of interest.

5. Reviewer Evaluation

Reviewers assess the manuscript's originality, methodology, clarity, contribution, ethical compliance, and relevance to the journal. They provide comments and recommendations to the editor.

Stage	Timeframe
Acceptance of Review Invitation	3 days
Completion of Review Report	21 days
Extension Request	7 days

6. Editorial Decision

Based on reviewer reports and editorial assessment, the editor makes one of the following decisions: accept, minor revision, major revision, resubmit for review, or reject.

7. Author Revision

If revision is required, authors revise the manuscript and submit a response letter explaining how reviewer and editor comments have been addressed.

8. Final Editorial Assessment

The editor reviews the revised manuscript and response letter. The manuscript may be accepted, returned for further revision, sent for another review round, or rejected.

9. Copyediting and Production

Accepted manuscripts are prepared for publication through copyediting, formatting, proofreading, metadata preparation, and DOI registration where applicable.

10. Online Publication

The final article is published online on the journal website under the journal's open access and licensing policy.

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