

Peer Review Process Policy

Manuscripts may be rejected upon receipt by the editor if they do not fit the scope of the journal in which case the article will not enter the review process. Papers will only be sent to review if the Editorial team determines that the paper meets the appropriate quality and relevance requirements. We accept research articles, narrative reviews and systematic reviews, study protocols, editorials, audits, case reports, letters, commentaries.

The review process involves double blind peer review by 2 or more reviewers. We aim to return a decision within 4 weeks after the manuscript is sent for review. Reviewers are asked:

- If the abstract appropriately describes the manuscript?
- Is the manuscript significantly new and/or interesting to warrant publication?
- Is the methodology (if relevant) appropriate and sound?
- Are the analyses correct/accurate?
- Are the conclusions supported by the manuscript content?
- Do you have any ethical concerns?
- In the results, is the balance of text tables and figures, right?
- Is the number of references right/appropriate?
- Are any revisions/corrections required
- Should the manuscript be published with an accompanying editorial or commentary?

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