



GATR Journals Peer Review Process

GATR Journals follow a **double-blind peer review** process where authors do not know the reviewers and vice versa. Peer review is fundamental to the scientific publication process and the dissemination of sound science.

GATR Journals aspire to select and publish, through **double-blind peer review**, the highest quality research, globally. To achieve this goal, the entire peer-review process should be **thorough, objective** and **fair**. The journal's reputation depends heavily on the fairness of the peer-review process. Peer reviewers are experts chosen by journal editors and associate editors to provide written assessments of the **strengths** and **weaknesses** of the written manuscripts with the aim of improving the reporting procedures of research and for identifying the most appropriate and highest quality material for the journal.

Reviewer Responsibilities

Timeliness of reviewers is considered crucial by GATR Journal editors and that is also predominant request of authors. If a reviewer cannot meet the deadline given, he/she should contact the Editor as soon as possible to determine whether a longer time period or a new reviewer should be chosen. Typically, the time to complete the first review is 2 to 3 weeks.

Any recommendation for particular course of action are welcomed by journals, but they need to understand the other reviewers and editors may have different views on particular paper. The decisions of reviewer must be based on certain report and, it would be helpful for editors if they set out argument against publication than direct recommendations.

The manuscripts submitted for reviewing must be considered confidential by reviewers. Copying and retaining or sharing with colleagues is not allowed.

Reviewers also need to follow publication ethics in order to avoid scientific misconduct of any author as it is unacceptable violation of publication ethics. In the case of publication ethics violation, reviewer must inform the editor in confidence and should not share this with other parties unless officially notified by journal to do so.

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Below Figure depicts the process of peer review that is regularly conducted by GATR Journals. Once manuscript received it will be screened by the editor of respective academic journals by checking its correctness of references, basic sciences and matching the scope of paper with the journal that author intended to publish in. If above criteria not fulfilled by submitted manuscript it will be rejected. If it is in compliance with above mentioned criteria, then editor will proceed for next stage that is submission to two reviewers. After reviewing, reviewers submit filled review forms to editor. If they fail to do it, the editor must send it to other reviewers. After first cycle review process, manuscript will be sent to author for revision. The author must address the comments provided by reviewers and resubmit. In the next process, the journal editor and reviewers check the compliance of article to provided comment and decide acceptance or rejection of paper. If revised manuscript accepted, the subsequent process is production and publication.

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