

MANUSCRIPT EVALUATION PROCESS

Regulatory Compliance	<p>Initial analysis by the Editorial Assistant regarding compliance with the rules set forth in the Instructions for Authors. If the manuscript does not meet the journal's standards, it will be returned for correction.</p> <p>Once adjusted to the Journal's standards, the manuscript is sent to the Editor-in-Chief.</p>
Evaluation Process	<p>The Editor-in-Chief assesses the quality and interest of the manuscript and sends it to the Associate/Area Editor.</p> <p>The Associate/Area Editor evaluates the manuscript and sends it to three Reviewers</p>
Reviewer report	<p>The Reviewers produce their comments directly onto the ScholarOne platform.</p> <p>The Associate Editor, based on the comments, takes an editorial decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • accept; • review; • reject and resubmit; • or reject <p>and then forwards it to the Chief Editor.</p>
Approval or Rejection	<p>The Editor-in-Chief decides on approval for publication or rejection and the decision is communicated to the authors.</p> <p>Once the manuscript is accepted, the editing process for publication begins.</p> <p>English language proofreading: The manuscript is proofread.</p> <p>The correction of references is performed by the Scientific Assistant, who reads the manuscript to validate the references, checks the order of citations in the text and the matching with the final list and standardizes the references according to the Vancouver Style.</p>