

Submission Process

Submission Process and Evaluation for Authors

Submission and Review Workflow

- **Initial Assessment:** All submissions undergo an initial evaluation by the Editor-in-Chief to determine their alignment with the journal's aims, scope, and overall quality standards.
- **Peer Review:** Manuscripts that pass the initial assessment are assigned to handling editors and enter the double-blind peer-review process, where they are evaluated by at least two independent experts in the field for originality, validity, and significance.
- **Desk Rejection:** Submissions may be desk-rejected without external review if they are outside the journal's scope, have significant methodological flaws, do not adhere to basic formatting guidelines, or fail to meet the journal's ethical standards.

Responsibilities Before Submission

Authors are expected to fulfill the following ethical and procedural requirements prior to submission:

- **Permissions:** Authors must secure and provide proof of permission to reproduce any copyrighted material included in the manuscript, such as maps, photographs, figures, or extensive datasets.
- **Author Consent:** All individuals listed as authors must have consented to the submission, approved the final version of the manuscript, and agreed to be accountable for all aspects of the work.
- **Ethics Approval:** Research involving human participants, animal subjects, or the use of plant specimens must provide a statement of ethical approval from an appropriate institutional review board or ethics committee, in compliance with national and international regulations.

Submission Preparation Checklist

As part of the submission process, authors must verify that their manuscript meets the following criteria:

- **Alignment with Guidelines:** The submission follows all stylistic and bibliographic requirements outlined in the complete Author Guidelines.
- **Originality:** The manuscript represents original work, has not been previously published, and is not currently under consideration by any other publication.
- **Reference Accuracy:** All references and citations have been meticulously checked for accuracy, completeness, and correct formatting in the Vancouver style.
- **Figures and Tables:** All figures, tables, and illustrations are clearly numbered, labeled, and cited sequentially within the text.
- **Permissions Secured:** Written permission has been obtained for all copyrighted materials and is available for submission upon request by the editorial office.

Structuring Your Submission

To facilitate the review process and enhance the clarity of your research, please ensure your manuscript is well-organized:



- **Title and Abstract:** Craft a concise and informative title. The abstract must be a self-contained summary that clearly states the research objectives, methods, key results, and conclusions.
- **Study Design and Argument:** The manuscript should present a coherent and logical narrative, with a clearly articulated research problem, a robust and appropriate study design, and a discussion that logically interprets the findings in the context of existing literature.