MDPI

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MDPI – Mission

*"MDPI's mission is to promote **open scientific exchange** through scholarly open access journals, and scientific communication projects across all disciplines."*

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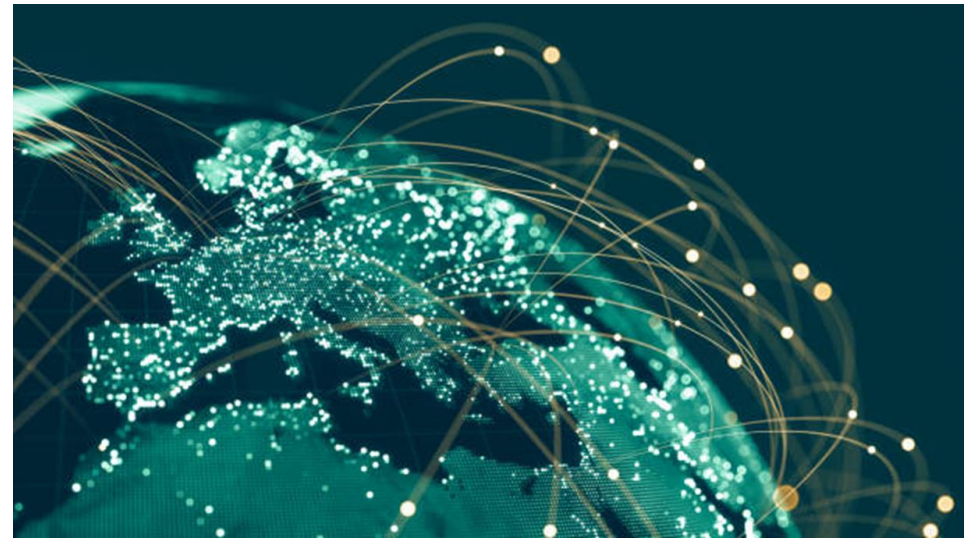
About MDPI

A pioneer in scholarly, open access publishing since 1996

Facts and figures:

450+ open access peer-reviewed journals across all categories

97% of MDPI articles are covered in Web of Science.

72% of our WoS & **80%** of our Scopus journals are in Q1 or Q2

180+ affiliated societies and research organizations

1,500,000 publications

655,000+ Submissions and **285,000+** Articles published in 2023

3,500,000+ authors

6000+ employees across 21 offices in 12 countries

MDPI – Memberships

MDPI - Initiatives

MDPI – Journal Development & Indexing

MDPI journals are indexed in every top database, including **Web of Science, Scopus, and DOAJ**.

We also prioritize coverage in scope-specific databases, such as **PMC, PubMed, MEDLINE, Inspec, CAS, FSTA, and more.**

2023 Updates

- **57 new acceptances in Scopus,** bringing the total number of MDPI journals covered in Scopus to 274.

- **29 new acceptances in Web of Science**, resulting in a total of 251 MDPI journals covered in Web of Science. **97% of MDPI articles are covered in Web of Science.**

- **82 MDPI journals added to the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)**, for a total of 400 MDPI journals in the DOAJ, the second-highest count for any publisher.

2023 Impact Factor

237 journals earned an Impact Factor

139 journals ranked for the first time

77 journals with an Impact Factor above 3

72% of our ranked MDPI journals (171 of 237) are ranked above average, in Q1 or Q2.

2023 CiteScore

- 274 MDPI journals received a CiteScore

- 57 journals received a CiteScore for the first time

- 162 journals had an increased CiteScore from the past year, by an average of 38%

- 23 journals ranked in the top 10%

- 80% of MDPI journals have a score that ranks them in Q1 or Q2 in at least one category

- 97 journals (35%) ranked in Q1 (top 25%) of journals (in at least one category).
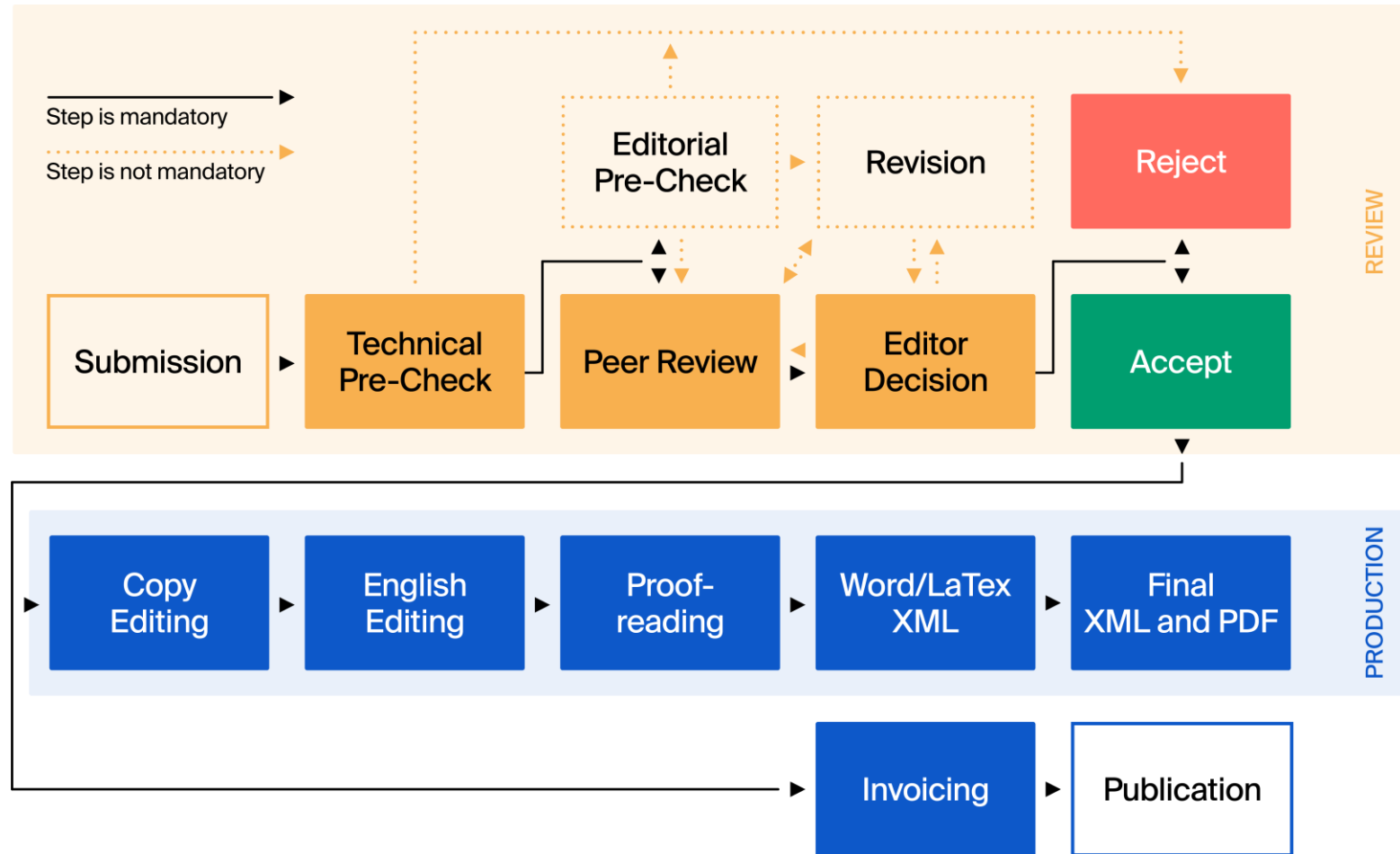
MDPI – Editorial Process

The MDPI Editorial Process

- All of our journals are peer-reviewed
- All journals follow the same editorial process
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- An academic editor is always associated with every paper

Evaluation criteria for articles

General:

- ✓ Originality/novelty
- ✓ Significance of content
- ✓ Quality of presentation
- ✓ Scientific soundness
- ✓ **Ethical concerns**
- ✓ Overall merit

Content:

- ✓ Does the introduction provide sufficient background and include all relevant references?
- ✓ Is the research design appropriate?
- ✓ Are the methods adequately described?
- ✓ Are the results clearly presented?
- ✓ Are the conclusions supported by the results?
- ✓ Are there appropriate and adequate references to related and previous work?

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Overview of MDPI Editorial Process

Underlining principles:

Fast and fair peer review.

Fast dissemination of research that allows reproducibility and validation.

Any **valid, sound research** should be published, including negative results.

The significance of an article should not be judged by only reviewers and an editor, but by the **community** at large.

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Maintaining high academic standards and trustworthiness requires robust editorial practices, stringent ethical standards, and comprehensive and consistent quality metrics.
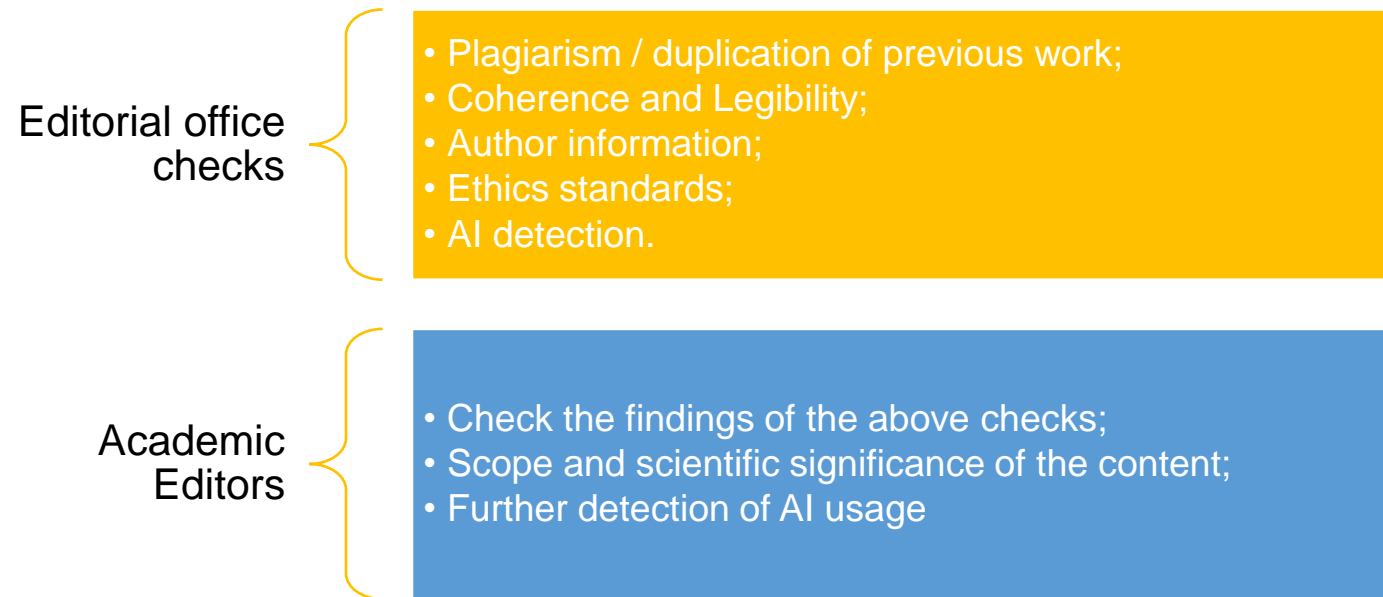
Quality metrics of peer-review

Pre-Check decision

Rigorous Manuscript Screening: Initial checks for relevance, originality, and adherence to submission guidelines.

Editorial office checks

- Plagiarism / duplication of previous work;
- Coherence and Legibility;
- Author information;
- Ethics standards;
- AI detection.

Academic Editors

- Check the findings of the above checks;
- Scope and scientific significance of the content;
- Further detection of AI usage

FIRST DECISION

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Peer-review

- MDPI operates mostly Single-blind review, however authors can choose Open Review.

- Reviewer profile: Reviewers must hold a PhD, cannot have published with the authors in the last 3-5 years, retain any CoI with the authors and must have recent publications in the field of the manuscript.

- Review requirements: At least 2 reports per manuscript are collected, unless there is a substantial difference between the evaluation of the reports, in which case extra reports may be sought.

- Multiple Review Rounds: Two rounds of revisions are normally undertaken by each manuscript   and upon Academic Editor request an additional round of revision can be performed.

More info at https://www.mdpi.com/reviewers

Types of Peer-Review
- Single-Blind;
- Double-Blind;
- Open Review/Open Identity.

Reviewers
- Ph.D.
- Relevant background;
- Good publication record;
- No CoI with authors.

Review reports collected
- 2-3 valid reports

Review Time
- Around 2 weeks

Final Decision

Academic Editors make decisions independently, based on:

- Review reports
- Novelty
- Significance of content
- Quality of Presentation
- Scientific Soundness

- Interest to readers
- Language
- Ethical issues
- Overall Merit

In cases where a reviewer has recommended rejection, but others have recommended acceptance, **multiple** academic editors will be asked to make a final decision.

Accept

Reject

Minor Revision

Major Revision

Ethical Standards and Policies

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Research Integrity and Publication Ethics

Publication ethics refers to a range of **ethical standards, policies, and guidelines** that are aimed at ensuring the **integrity, quality, and validity** of published research in science.

- Editorial process
- Authorhip and contribution
- Intellectual propety
- Image and data validity
- Participant protection (informed consent)
- Ethical overshight

Publishers hold a key responsibility for ensuring that these standards are met for all publications!

Mechanisms to ensure compliance:

During submission
- Detailed policies outlining expectations
- Submission compliance checks
- Editorial Board supervision and oversight

Post-publication
- Complaints process
- Post-publication amendments (corrections, Expression of Concerns, retractions)

Voice of Academic 2023 survey

Our customer satisfaction with Peer Review process.

The results capture quality rankings that take into account:

(1) detailed and informative review reports

(2) reviewer experiences

(3) useful feedback for the manuscript.

95% of submitting authors rate their overall experience with the MDPI publication process as Excellent or Good (Springer Nature report 89%)

PEER REVIEW SATISFACTION RATINGS

91% of Submitting Authors rate their overall experience with the MDPI peer review process as Excellent or Good.

82% of Reviewers rate their overall experience with the MDPI peer review process as good/excellent (Springer Nature report 87%).

81% of Guest Editors a rate their overall experience with the MDPI peer review process as Excellent or Good

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