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Ethical Codes and Guidelines for Peer Review

TARE employs a peer-review process to ensure the academic integrity required by the international scholarly community. The following text is created to provide guidelines for peer reviewers and adapted from the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) guidelines which defines peer review process as

Peer review, for the purposes of these guidelines, refers to reviews provided on manuscript submissions to journals, but can also include reviews for other platforms and apply to public commenting that can occur pre- or post-publication. Reviews of other materials such as preprints, grants, books, conference proceeding submissions, registered reports (pre-registered protocols), or data will have a similar underlying ethical framework, but the process will vary depending on the source material and the type of review requested. The model of peer review will also influence elements of the process. (Source: https://publicationethics.org/guidance/Guidelines)

Models for Peer Review

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Review Process

Articles that pass the editorial examination start the double-blind review process. They are sent to at least two independent reviewers that work on a related topic. In order to be accepted, an article should be accepted by at least two reviewers. Reviewers fill out the review form where they elaborate on their opinions about the article and whether it should be accepted. In the case of conflicting opinions, a third reviewer might be appointed for the article.

Ethics Codes for Reviewers

TARE encourages submitting authors to contribute to the peer review process as members of the professional scholarly and scientific community. TARE editors are responsible for appointing appropriate reviewers for the submitted manuscripts in terms of content and scope of their study to receive the best reviews possible. Accepting reviewers are expected to provide accurate professional information on their scientific expertise and credentials, including verifiable contact information. Potential reviewers should be aware that providing inaccurate information such as impersonation of other individuals is considered a breach of TARE's policy and serious unethical behavior. Reviewers are further advised to accept to review a manuscript if their scientific and scholarly expertise matches the manuscript and if they can provide an unbiased report. In cases where reviewers detect incompatibility or gap between the manuscript and their expertise, they are encouraged to convey this to the TARE editors before starting the review process.





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