

ETHICAL GUIDELINE FOR PEER REVIEWERS

The peer reviewers process is very important for ensuring the quality of published paper in the Advanced Research in Life Sciences is a Scientific Journal. Peer reviewers have a major and critical role and everyone must be responsible and have a good ethic. The Ethical Guideline for Peer Reviewers represents a set of principles and standards for all peer reviewers and this is the methodology for the reviewers' process.

Basic principles

Peer Reviewers should respect the following principles:

- to review only the manuscripts which are in their field of competence;
- to respect the confidentiality of the reviewer's manuscript during and after the peer review process;
- to not use the dates of the manuscript for their own or any other person's advantage;
- to not have a potential conflict of interest;
- if the peer reviewers suspect the identity of authors, they should announce this to the Editorial Board so as to be replaced;
- the peer reviewer's result is not influenced by the nationality, religious or political beliefs, gender or other characteristics of the author;
- to be objective and constructive in their peer reviewers process;
- to notify the editor if there is a suspicion of plagiarism;
- to not use another identity in the peer reviewers process as this is considered serious misconduct.

Process:

- the peer reviewer process is double blind review, which means that both the reviewers and the author remain anonymous;
- if the reviewers do not respond within 5 days to the Editorial Board invitation for the peer review process, they will be automatically replaced;
- the period of peer review should be 15 days, from the date the reviewers receive the full manuscript;
- the final decision for accepting or rejecting a manuscript for publication is made by the Editor. The Editor may call for a third opinion or ask the author to modify the manuscript;
- the authors will only see the comments made by peer reviewers for them;
- the authors will receive the result of the peer reviewers process together with recommendations;
- the authors are entitled to a reply.