JDIS's Editorial and Peer Review Process

Manuscript Status

Authors can check the status of a manuscript at any time s by login submission system at https://mc03.manuscriptcentral.com/jdis Authors will be notified by email once a manuscript is transferred from one stage to the next one.

Editorial Process

Initial checks

New manuscripts submitted to *JDIS* go through an in-house basic format and quality check carried out by the Editorial Office. The check also includes plagiarism detection. Manuscripts with severe problems in scope, novelty, format, or language will be rejected immediately without entering the manuscript processing chain. Manuscripts will not be sent to an Editor or peer reviewers until they pass this check. We aim to check manuscripts as efficiently as possible, but timing may vary depending on whether we need to return the submission to the author for follow-up queries or additional information. So it is very necessary for authors to respond the queries in a timely manner. While the manuscript is subjected to in-house check, authors may see the status "Awaiting ME checklist".

Editor assignment

After a manuscript passes the initial checks, it is assigned to an Editor according to relevant expertise. The Editor is asked to evaluate the manuscript based on the *JDIS* criteria for publication. Editors can choose to perform the evaluation on the basis of their own expertise, or assign reviewers. While the Editor is assigned to a manuscript, authors may see the status "Awaiting EIC Assignment".

Peer review

The Editor decides whether reviews from additional experts are needed to evaluate the manuscript. After agreeing to review a manuscript, external reviewers are typically granted 28 days to complete the assignment.

Editorial decisions

The decision on a manuscript is made by the Editor. This decision should be based on the Editor's own careful evaluation of the manuscript in conjunction with the comments provided by the reviewers. When the decision is made, authors will receive the notification by email and see the decision term in the submission system. While the Editor is entering the decision, authors may see the status "Awaiting Decision".

It is important for Editors to understand that they play a vital role in the professional evaluation of the scientific merits of the submitted work. In addition, the Editor should also work with authors to help elevate the quality of the project such that manuscripts present significant new findings. This professional interaction between Editors and the authors will greatly assist in the advancement of research programs.

An additional benefit will be that authors will select JDIS to publish high impact papers, which will help us to increase the visibility and impact factor of the journal.

What are the possible decisions an Editor makes?

After evaluation, the Editor chooses between the following decisions:

- Acceptance
- Minor Revision
- Major Revision
- Rejection

Final Acceptance

The decision of final acceptance on a manuscript is made by the Co-Editors-in-Chief. This decision will be based on the Co-Editors-in-Chief's own careful evaluation of the manuscript in conjunction with the decision made by the Editors. When the decision is made, authors will receive the notification by email and see the decision term in the submission system.

Revisions

Authors who receive a decision of Minor Revision or Major Revision have 20, and 40 days, respectively, to resubmit the revised manuscript.

In most cases, the revised manuscript will be re-assigned to the original Editor. The Editor will determine if additional input is needed from reviewers.

Pub-Express

For the manuscripts with high quality, JDIS provides a Pub-Express channel which means the submissions through this channel can be directly sent to the Co-EICs for a quick but comprehensive evaluation without entering the external peer-review process. The final decision on whether the manuscript is accepted or not for publication by JDIS is normally made within 72 hours. Authors who think their manuscript worthy of quick publication are encouraged to apply to the Pub-Express by stating the exact reasons in Cover Letter when submitting. Please note: entering into the Pub-Express does not mean final acceptance.

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