

# Peer review process

The Mental Health Global Challenges Journal follows the recommendations and core practices of:

- [Committee on Publication Ethics](https://publicationethics.org/core-practices)(COPE, <https://publicationethics.org/core-practices>)
- **Committee on Publication Ethics Guidelines for Peer Reviewers** ([https://publicationethics.org/files/Ethical\\_Guidelines\\_For\\_Peer\\_Reviewers\\_2.pdf](https://publicationethics.org/files/Ethical_Guidelines_For_Peer_Reviewers_2.pdf))
- **ICMJE Recommendations for the Conduct, Reporting, Editing, and Publication of Scholarly Work in Medical Journals**
- **COPE, "Authorship and AI tools,"** <https://publicationethics.org/cope-position-statements/ai-author>
- **EASE, "Recommendations on the use of AI in scholarly communication,"** <https://ease.org.uk/2024/09/recommendations-on-the-use-of-ai-in-scholarly-communication>

which provides a comprehensive guide to the ethics of peer review.

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