

The Editorial Board is committed to prompt evaluation and publication of accepted papers in QMSM. We are committed to maintain high-quality publication and all submitted papers are rigorously pass through the stringent review process. Once the paper is received by QMSM office, it will go through the following steps:

- 1) The Executive editor will review the paper and assign the paper to one of the EICs (Editors-in-Chief) based on the keywords of the paper.
- 2) The EIC handling the paper will make an initial screening and determine whether it should be sent to an Associate Editor (AE). If the EIC feels that (i) the paper's research domain falls within the scope of the journal's editorial mission; and (ii) the paper has the potential to make a sufficient contribution to the areas of QMSM, then the EIC will either send the paper to an AE or handle the paper as an AE. If the EIC decides that the paper is outside the scope of the journal, then the EIC will send the paper back to the corresponding author.
- 3) If the paper is sent to an AE, the AE will also make an initial screening for fit and contribution and decide whether further review is warranted. If not, the AE will write a report to the EIC handling the paper explaining the reason for not reviewing the paper, and the EIC will make a decision.
- 4) If the AE decides that the paper has some contribution, then the paper is sent out for review which is usually refereed by at least two experts. The AE will collect the reviews and write a recommendation to the EIC. In addition, EIC will have the option of seeking additional reviews when needed. Authors will be informed when EIC decides further review is required.
- 5) The EIC will make a final decision on the paper and send the corresponding author the decision along with a set of all reports received.
- 6) All submitted manuscripts are treated as confidential documents. We expect our Board of Reviewing Editors and reviewers to treat manuscripts as confidential material as well.
- 7) EICs, AEs and reviewers involved in the review process should disclose conflicts of interest resulting from direct competitive, collaborative, or other relationships with any of the authors, and rescue themselves from cases in which such conflicts derail an objective evaluation. The ideas or information that is obtained through peer review must not be used for competitive gain.
- 8) The whole review process of QMSM is confidential and the identities of reviewers are not revealed at any stage.