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- The reports of both the reviewers will be considered while deciding on acceptance/revision or rejection of a manuscript.
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- Associate editor and review editors provide the administrative support to maintain the integrity of peer review process.
- In case, authors challenge editor's negative decision with suitable arguments, the manuscript can be sent to one more reviewer and the final decision will be made based upon his recommendations.

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PUBLICATION ETHICS

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- Funding sources and relevant conflicts of interest should be disclosed.

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