

REVIEWER GUIDELINES

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IMPACT OF CONTRIBUTION

- Authors make a literature-supported argument justifying the importance of the article.
- The article extends what is known about the topic.
- The article makes an important contribution to the field.
- The article is relevant to historical, current, and/or emerging issues within the field.

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ACADEMIC RIGOR AND ACCURACY

- Given the context, the study was designed using a sound and accurate approach.
- Given the context of the study, data or sources were collected and analyzed using a rigorous approach.
- The article makes a reasonable interpretation of the data or sources.
- The information (e.g., theory, data, quotations, claims, tables, and figures) in the article is accurate and trustworthy.
- There is sufficient evidence to substantiate the article's claims.
- Article components are consistent and connected (i.e., each component aligns, informs, and reinforces all other components).
- When appropriate, the authors acknowledge and address limitations of the study.
- The appropriate (i.e., recent and applicable) references are cited.

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STYLE AND STRUCTURE

- The article is complete (i.e., all relevant sections are included and the content within each section is appropriate and comprehensive).
- The writing in the article is clear and correct (i.e., coherent, grammatically correct, aligned to APA guidelines).
- The article's organization supports readability (i.e., concise, logical ordering).

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CONSIDERATION FOR ARTICLE OF THE YEAR

- Several factors should be considered to recommend a journal article for such recognition including originality and innovation of the research, including but not limited to novel concepts, methodologies, or findings, the long term impact and influence on subsequent research, policy or practice, rigorous and quality research design and methodology, significance of findings addressing real-world problems and issues.